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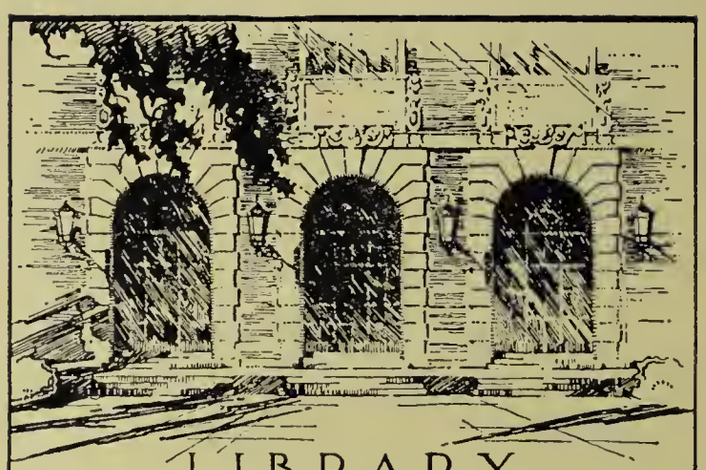

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FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

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OF THE

Directors of the Bigelow Free Public Library

OF THE

TOWN OF CLINTON, Mass.

The Directors of the Bigelow Free Public Library present the following as their fourteenth annual report, and with it the report of the Treasurer, showing the expenditure for books and cost of maintenance, together with the report of the Librarian, giving the accession, circulation and classification of books.

The past year has brought with it marked improvement to the library. Carrying out the suggestion made in their report of last year, the Directors have prepared and published a new and complete catalogue, which they trust will meet the wants and approval of the patrons. In preparing this catalogue it was the aim to make it as simple and concise as possible, at the same time to give the needed information. In this connection the Directors desire to thank the Librarian and her assistants for their faithful and intelligent labor in the preparation of the catalogue and re-arrangement of the books of the library.

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A matter that had caused much anxiety to the Directors, was the want of room for the proper accommodation and classification of the books, on account of the natural increase of volumes. Happily by a re-arrangement of the book-cases, and addition of shelves, ample room has been obtained for present needs; and in their judgment the growth of the library for some years is provided for. A little has necessarily been sacrificed in the way of reading room, but much gained in the practical working of the library, notably in the more rapid delivery of the books.

We have added fewer volumes by purchase this year than usual, keeping our expenditure in this direction at about the lowest limit required by conditions of gift of the library to the town, having made use of the appropriation in alterations of the shelves and for the new catalogue.

We have had a large donation of Public Documents, and expect many more volumes of the same character. The Directors feel that this year has been one of unusual success to our library, and trust that the coming year will prove equally so.

In conclusion, we will say that the books and property are in good condition, and would ask for and recommend an appropriation of $2,300.00, the proceeds of the dog tax for 1888, and receipts from the sale of catalogues, for the support and maintenance of the library for the ensuing year.

HENRY N. BIGELOW,

For the Directors.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Directors of the Bigelow Free Public Library of the Town of Clinton:

GENTLEMEN:

Your Treasurer presents the following statement as the fourteenth annual report:

Amount appropriated by the town for the use of the library:—		
Cash	$2,300 00	
Dog tax for 1887	547 63	
		$2,847 63
Amount received by Library from fines and catalogues:		
Fines	$72 54	
Catalogues	7 45	
		79 99
		$2,927 62

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Amount paid general expense, viz:		
Charlotte L. Greene, services as librarian, with assistants	$700 00	
" " Am't pd. out for cataloguing,	342 66	
" " " " for re-arranging, re-numbering and labeling books	318 83	
" " Am't pd. postage, express, and sundries	9 80	
Otis Fletcher, binding and repairing books	98 86	
Russell & Woodruff, lumber and labor	144 84	
Library Bureau, cards	9 03	
W. J. Coulter, printing, cards and labels	53 35	
Lucius Field & Co., labor and binding	1 25	
Clinton Gas Light Co., labor, pipe and fixtures	7 78	
J. B. Farnsworth, labor and materials	6 57	
F. A. Sanford, binders	2 38	
J. T. Dame, drawing duplicate contract	3 00	
Clinton Printing Co., printing catalogue	500 00	
George Sutherland, Jr., stationery and sundries	9 68	
		$2,208 03

Amount paid for new books:		
Estes & Lauriat, periodicals	$97 30	
" " new books	524 91	
Houghton & Mifflin, new books	13 00	
		635 21
Total expenditures		$2,843 24
Unexpended balance of appropriation		4 39
		$2,847 63
Amount paid G. Walton Goss, Town Treasurer, as received from fines and catalogues		79 99
		$2,927 62

All of which is respectfully submitted, E. & O. E.,

ANDREW E. FORD,

Treasurer of Board of Directors.

CLINTON, Feb. 1, 1888.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Directors of the Bigelow Free Public Library of the Town of Clinton, Mass.:

GENTLEMEN:

The fourteenth report of the Librarian, for the year ending January 31, 1888, is herewith presented:

ACCESSIONS.

Number of volumes in the library, as last reported	13,550
Increase by purchase	436
" gift	197
" binding periodicals and pamphlets	41
	14,224
Decrease. Volumes worn out and withdrawn	37
Total number of volumes in the library	14,187
Number of pamphlets given	196
" newspapers and periodicals subscribed for	28
" " " given	14

CIRCULATION.

Number of days, the library was open	209
" volumes delivered for home use	27,548
Largest daily use (March 12, 1887)	464
Smallest daily use (June 29, 1887)	13
Number of books not accounted for	0
" notices to delinquents	1,320
" persons fined for injuring books	30
" supplements and advance sheets of catalogue sold	201
" books sent for by officer	5
" " re-covered *	688
" " repaired and re-bound at bindery	303
" " repaired and cleaned at library	450
" names registered during the year	220
Total number of names registered	4,322

* No books have been re-covered since June.

CLASSIFICATION OF BOOKS ISSUED.

		No. Vols.	Per Cent.
1.	Fiction	19,379	70.3
2.	Description and travels	2,475	9.
3.	History	2,560	9.3
4.	Religious works, including ecclesiastical history	289	1.1
5.	Arts, Useful and Fine	1,034	3.7
6.	Science	510	1.9
7.	Miscellaneous works, including periodicals, essays, etc.	1,301	4.7
	Total	27,548	100.0

CLASSIFICATION OF BOOKS PURCHASED.

		No. of Vols.
1.	Fiction	107
2.	Description and travels	36
3.	History	85
4.	Religious works, including ecclesiastical history	12
5.	Arts, Useful and Fine	96
6.	Science	35
7.	Miscellaneous works, including periodicals, essays, etc.	65
	Total	436

ISSUE OF BOOKS FOR THE DIFFERENT MONTHS.

February	3,050	Number brought up	15,250
March	3,579	August	0
April	3,359	September	1,250
May	2,873	October	2,570
June	2,389	November	2,700
July	0	December	2,823
		January	2,955
Number carried up	15,250		
Total			27,548

The circulation for	1874–75	was	11,842
" "	1875–76	"	21,954
" "	1876–77	"	30,778
" "	1877–78	"	32,857
" "	1878–79	"	31,776
" "	1879–80	(eleven months) was	31,723
" "	1880–81	was	32,519
" "	1881–82	"	32,564
" "	1882–83	"	34,300
" "	1883–84	"	35,820
" "	1884–85	"	37,747
" "	1885–86	"	37,566
" "	1886–87	"	35,722
" "	1887–88	(ten months) was	27,548

DONATIONS.

NAMES.	Volumes	Pamph.
G. F. Hoar	146	12
H. N. Bigelow	1	4
H. S. Nourse	1	. . .
A. Norcross	5	. . .
H. Kendall	1	. . .
A. W. Greely	5	120
M. Romero	1	. . .
F. D. Ely	4	2
Maverick Bank	1	. . .
Department of Interior	15	1
Department of State	. . .	14
Treasury Department	3	. . .
War Department	4	. . .
Fish Commission	1	. . .
Navy Department	1	. . .
Bureau of Education	3	1
Bureau of Navigation	. . .	1
D. M. Wilson	. . .	1
C. E. Munroe	. . .	2
C. G. Stevens	. .	12
Joint Committee, reconstruction	. . .	3
Fitchburg Public Library	1	. . .
Leicester " "	1	1
Boston " "	. . .	2
Providence " "	. . .	2
Worcester " "	. . .	1
Marlborough " "	. . .	1
Watertown " "	. . .	1
Concord " "	. . .	1
Northborough " "	. . .	1
Lawrence " "	. . .	1
Lancaster " "	. . .	1
Hopedale " "	. . .	1
Leominster " "	. . .	1
Brooklyn " "	. . .	1
Omaha " "	. . .	1
Swansea, (England) Public Library	. . .	1
Bridgeport Public Library	. . .	1
Chicago " "	. .	1
Worcester Free Institute	. . .	1
Mt. Holyoke Female Seminary	. . .	1
Scientific American publishers	1	. . .
Manchester City Library	. . .	1
H. B. Peirce	2	. . .
Anonymous	. . .	1
Total	197	196

The list of periodicals on file at the reading room, for the year ending Jan. 31, 1888:

WEEKLIES AND FORTNIGHTLIES.

*Advance.
American Architect.
American Machinist.
Art Interchange.
†Bulletin.
‡Christian Register.
*Christian Union.
†Clinton Courant.
†Clinton Enterprise.
*Congregationalist.
Education, Journal of.
Frank Leslie's Ill. Newspaper.
Harper's Weekly.
Literary World.
Littell's Living Age.
Nation.
§Patent Office Gazette.
Publishers' Weekly.
Science.
Scientific American.
Scientific Am. Supplement.
Youth's Companion.

MONTHLIES AND QUARTERLIES.

Atlantic Monthly.
*Bibliotheca Sacra.
Century.
Forum.
Franklin Institute, Journal of.
Harper's Monthly.
Library Journal.
Literary News.
Manufacturers' Review.
*New Englander.
*New Princeton Review.
North American Review.
|| Our Dumb Animals.
Popular Science Monthly.
*Presbyterian Review.
St. Nicholas.
Scribner's Magazine.
Textile Manufacturer.
‡Unitarian Review.
Wide Awake.

† Given by publisher.
‡ Given by American Unitarian Association.
* Given by Congregational Society, Clinton.
§ Patent Office, through kindness of Hon. F. D. Ely.
|| Given by Mrs. M. J. Hayter.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. GREENE, *Librarian.*

CLINTON, MASS., Feb. 1, 1888.

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SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Directors of the Bigelow Free Public Library

OF THE

TOWN OF CLINTON, Mass.

The Directors of the Bigelow Free Public Library submit herewith their Seventeenth Annual report, and in connection therewith, the reports of the Treasurer and the Librarian.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Directors of the Bigelow Free Public Library of the Town of Clinton:

GENTLEMEN:

Your treasurer presents the following statement as the seventeenth annual report:

Amount appropriated by the town for the use of the library:		
Cash	$1,500 00	
Proceeds of the dog tax	656 62	
		$2,156 62
Amount received by the library from fines and catalogues:		
Money from fines	$107 02	
" " catalogues	14 00	
		121 02
		$2,277 64

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Amount paid general expenses, viz:		
Charlotte L. Greene, services as librarian	$700 00	
" " pd. postage, express and sundries,	13 75	
E. L. Johnson, binding and repairing books	225 95	
Library Bureau, cards and paper	28 50	
W. J. Coulter, printing, cards, etc.	55 60	
P. O. Newsroom, ink and sundries	16 36	
J. T. & W. R. Dame, insurance	108 00	
		$1,148 16
Amount paid new books:		
Estes & Lauriat, periodicals	$101 65	
" " new books	886 12	
W. E. Parkhurst, new books	17 00	
		1,004 77
Total expenditure		$2,152 93
Amount paid town treasurer, fines and catalogues		121 02
Unexpended balance		3 69
		$2,277 64

All of which is respectfully submitted, E. & O. E.,

ANDREW E. FORD,
Treasurer of Board of Directors.

CLINTON, February 2, 1891.

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LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Directors of the Bigelow Free Public Library of the Town of Clinton, Mass.:

GENTLEMEN:

The seventeenth report of the Librarian, for the year ending January 31, 1891, is herewith presented:

ACCESSIONS.

Number of volumes in the library, as last reported		15,715
Increase by purchase		675
" gift		48
" binding periodicals and pamphlets		101
		16,539
Decrease. Volumes worn out and withdrawn	45	
Volume lost (in the possession of Robt. Bolton, who cannot be traced,)	1	46
Total number of volumes in the library		16,493
Number of pamphlets given		172
" " purchased		1
" newspapers and periodicals subscribed for		31
" " " given		7

CIRCULATION.

Number of days the library was open	256
" volumes delivered for home use	36,195
Largest daily use (April 5, 1890)	468
Smallest daily use (Aug. 27, 1890)	32
Average weekly use	696
Number of books not accounted for	0
" books lost	1
" notices to delinquents	1,917
" persons fined for injuring books	53
" books injured and replaced by borrower	3
" catalogues sold	28
" books sent for by officer	2
" books repaired and re-bound at bindery	626
" names registered during the year	197
Total number of names registered	4,883

CLASSIFICATION AND USE OF BOOKS.

	Issued. No. Vols.	Circul'n. Per Cent.	Purchased. No. Vols.
1. Fiction	25,473	70.4	227
2. Description and Travels	2,822	7.8	78
3. History	2,363	6.5	130
4. Religious works, including ecclesiastical history	314	0.9	25
5. Arts, Useful and Fine	1,508	4.1	88
6. Science	1,446	4.0	57
7. Miscellaneous works, including periodicals, essays, etc.	2,269	6.3	70
Total	36,195	100.0	675

ISSUE OF BOOKS FOR DIFFERENT MONTHS.

February	3,278	Number brought up	18,657
March	3,862	August	2,644
April	3,098	September	2,540
May	3,220	October	2,894
June	2,623	November	3,186
July	2,576	December	2,900
		January	3,374
Number carried up	18,657		
Total			36,195

ISSUE OF BOOKS FOR DIFFERENT YEARS.

1876–77	30,778
1877–78	32,857
1878–79	31,776
1879–80 (eleven months)	31,723
1880–81	32,519
1881–82	32,564
1882–83	34,300
1883–84	35,820
1884–85	37,747
1885–86	37,566
1886–87	35,722
1887–88 (ten months)	27,548
1888–89	34,498
1889–90	35,070
1890–91	36,195

DONATIONS.

NAMES.	Vols.	Pamphs.
American Banker's Association	. . .	2
Anonymous	. . .	8
Bigelow, H. N.	2	1
Board of Trade, Grand Rapids, Mich.	. . .	1
Boston and Maine Railroad	1	
Candler, J, W.	1	2
Children's Hospital, Boston	. . .	1
Cornell University	. . .	2
Coulter, W. J.	1	
Dorsey, G. W. E.	. . .	1
Griffis, W. E.	1	
Harvard University	. . .	2
Hoar, G. F.	. . .	1
Ivison, Blakeman, & Co.	1	
Libraries.—Boston	. . .	1
Cincinnati, O.	. . .	1
Fall River.	. . .	1
Hopedale	. . .	1
Lancaster	. . .	1
Lawrence	. . .	1
Leicester	. . .	1
Manchester City, N. H.	. . .	1
Marlboro.	. . .	1
Newbury, Chicago, Ill.	. . .	1
Northborough	. . .	1
Providence, R. I.	. . .	1
Salem.	. . .	2
St. Louis, Mo.	. . .	1
Toledo, O.	. . .	1
Watertown	. . .	1
Worcester.	1	1
Library Bureau	3	
Mass. Public Documents	13	1
Newhall, W.	. . .	1
New York Tribune	. . .	3
Norcross, A.	5	
Parkhurst, W. E.	1	6
Perkins Institution for Blind	. . .	2
Poor, H. W. and H. V.	. . .	2
Soldan, F. J.	. . .	1
Stearns, G.	1	
Stevens, C. G.	. . .	11
U. S. Public Documents	16	44
Weeks, G. W.	. . .	61
Woodruff, W.	1	
Worcester Polytechnic Institute.	. . .	1
	48	172

PERIODICALS REGULARLY RECEIVED.

WEEKLIES AND FORTNIGHTLIES.

American Machinist.
Art Interchange.
‡Christian Register.
†Clinton Courant.
†Clinton Enterprise.
*Congregationalist.
Education, Journal of.
Electrical World.
English Mechanic.
Frank Leslie's Ill. Newspaper.
Harper's Weekly.
Literary World.
Littell's Living Age.
Nation.
§Patent Office Gazette.
Public Opinion.
Publishers' Weekly.
Science.
Scientific American.
Scientific Am. Supplement.
Youth's Companion.

MONTHLIES AND QUARTERLIES.

Atlantic Monthly.
Century.
Forum.
Harper's Monthly.
Library Journal.
Literary News.
Manufacturers' Review.
New England Magazine.
North American Review.
† Our Dumb Animals.
Popular Science Monthly.
St. Nicholas.
Scientific Am., Architects and Builders edition.
Scribner's Magazine.
Textile Manufacturer.
‡Unitarian Review.
Wide Awake.

† Given by publisher.
‡ Given by American Unitarian Association.
* Given by First Evangelical Society, Clinton.
§ Given by U. S. Patent Office.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLOTTE L. GREENE, *Librarian.*

CLINTON, MASS., Feb. 2, 1891.

The Directors take great pleasure in reporting to their fellow-citizens a very quiet and prosperous year in the management and work of the Library. The duties of the Librarian and her assistants have been patiently, carefully and acceptably performed without a single interruption or omission, and the privileges of the Library have been freely open and enjoyed by all during the whole time allotted by the Directors for that purpose. The records and accounts of the Library have been properly kept, the books carefully looked after and preserved, new accessions prepared and put in circulation as early as practicable, and the books and property of the Library are now in good condition, save the usual wear and tear incidental to the ordinary use by so large a population as Clinton now contains.

The report of the Librarian shows an increase of 1125 in the circulation of the books of the Library for the present year over that of last year, but less than that of six years ago of 37,747, which was the highest circulation in the history of the Library. While the circulation of the Library has been more or less variable, the number of persons taking books from the Library has steadily and uniformly increased nearly in proportion to the growth of the town in population from the first establishment of the Library, and the report of the current year shows a registration of 197 more names than that of last year. These figures, while seemingly somewhat contradictory, indicate quite conclusively that the Public Library is not losing in popular estimation.

The same report shows additions to the Library during the year, by purchase, of 675 volumes; by gift, of 48 volumes; by bound magazines and periodicals, of 101 volumes; 46 worn-out books have been withdrawn, new copies having been substituted for the old ones in most cases, and one book has been lost which could not be recovered, giving as the net addition for the year to the Library 778 volumes, and making the whole number of bound volumes now in the Library, 16,493.

The appropriation for the Library the current year was from tax levy $1,500, and portion of Dog Tax, $656.62, or $2,156.62 in the aggregate, a sum $251.16 less than that of the

preceding year. The expenditures from this appropriation have been for ordinary expenses $1,040.16, for extra expenses $108 insurance, and amounting to $1,148.16, and leaving $1,008.46 for the support of the Reading Room and the purchase of new books, and for this purpose the Directors have expended the sum of $903.12, less by $250.82 than the expenditure for that object the past year.

The appropriation for the current year has proved adequate for the payment of the running expenses, paid for at a reasonable rate in proportion to the usual compensation made for similar services in town, the support of the Reading Room in a similar manner to that in which it has been heretofore conducted, the supply of all the current literature of the day as published, proper to be placed before the mass of our people who patronize the Public Library, and which is adapted to, and could be appreciated by the general public, and also a reasonable margin for the extension of the range of the matter contained in our Library beyond what has been heretofore provided.

Our Public Library seems to have been established and hitherto conducted on this principle of furnishing mental aliment and culture for the general public and leaving subjects of a professional, sectarian or advanced scientific character to be provided for elsewhere. These principles have governed the Directors in their selections for the current year, and have caused them to reject works requested by some of our citizens, because while doubtless meritorious in themselves, they were amenable to some of these objections in the judgment of the Directors. While making these suggestions the Directors by no means desire to withdraw the general invitation to our citizens to communicate their requests for the purchase of books for the Library, but would rather renew and urge those invitations; but while doing so, they cannot relinquish the right of judgment upon the intrinsic merit of the works themselves and of the propriety of furnishing them at the expense of the town.

Col. G. M. Palmer by his last will and testament gave the Bigelow Free Public Library the sum of one thousand dollars, the payment of which was postponed until the death of his wife, which will was duly proved and allowed. Mrs.

Palmer died Nov. 15, 1888, about two and one-fourth years ago, but no payment or offer of payment has been made by the executors. The Chairman, by direction of the Board, has had several interviews with the executors respecting the payment of this legacy, but is only informed that the legacy will be paid when the real estate of Col. Palmer is sold, but when that may be expected no intimation is given. The Chairman learns from the records of the Probate office and the Registry of Deeds, that several parcels of this land have already been sold, but the Directors have received none of the proceeds, and they think it proper to refer the matter to the town.

The Library has now reached that magnitude that the Directors do not regard it important to enlarge it annually, more than has been done the present year, and they recommend the appropriation of the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars and the Dog Tax for the support and maintenance of the Library for the year ensuing.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. DAME,

for the Directors.

1891/1892

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Directors of Bigelow Free Public Library

OF THE

TOWN OF CLINTON, Mass.

The Directors of the Bigelow Free Public Library submit as part of their Eighteenth report, the reports of the Treasurer and the Librarian.

TREASURER'S REPORT

To the Directors of the Bigelow Free Public Library of the Town of Clinton:

GENTLEMEN:

Your treasurer presents the following statement as the eighteenth annual report:

Amount appropriated by the town for the use of the library:		
Cash	$1,500 00	
Proceeds of the dog tax	704 87	
		$2,204 87
Amount received by the library from fines and catalogues:		
Money from fines	$99 57	
" " catalogues	9 50	
		109 07
		$2,313 94

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Amount paid general expenses, viz:		
Charlotte L. Greene, services as librarian, with assistants	$700 00	
Charlotte L. Greene, pd. postage, express, sundries	22 00	
P. O. Newsroom, stationery	4 67	
Library Bureau, cards and paper	3 00	
W. H. Spaulding, gas tubing	2 50	
S. F. Hamilton, mail box	5 55	
Elword's Express, expressage	8 05	
E. L. Johnson, binding and repairing books	152 05	
Warren Goodale, brushes, etc	5 75	
W. J. Coulter	75 79	
		$979 36
Amount paid new books:		
Estes & Lauriat	$1,202 37	
H. E. Haferkorn	7 25	
Houghton & Mifflin	6 50	
Alfred S. Hudson	4 00	
Publishers' Weekly	2 50	
		1,222 62
Total expenditure		$2,201 98
Amount paid town treasurer, fines and catalogues		109 07
Unexpended balance		2 89
		$2,313 94

All of which is respectfully submitted, E. & O. E.,

ANDREW E. FORD,
Treasurer of Board of Directors.

CLINTON, February 10, 1892.

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LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Directors of the Bigelow Free Public Library of the Town of Clinton, Mass.:

GENTLEMEN:

The eighteenth report of the Librarian, for the year ending January 31, 1892, is herewith presented:

ACCESSIONS.

Number of volumes in the library, as last reported		16,493
Increase by purchase		808
" gift		104
" binding periodicals and pamphlets		56
		17,461
Decrease: Volumes withdrawn (worn out)	12	
" " (contagious diseases)	30	42
Total number of volumes in the library		17,419
Number of pamphlets given		151
" plates and circulars given		90
" newspapers and periodicals subscribed for		31
" " " given		5

CIRCULATION.

Number of days the library was open	254
" volumes delivered for home use	34,095
Largest monthly circulation (January)	3,347
Smallest " " (July)	2,251
Average " "	2,841
Largest daily circulation (March 14, 1891)	484
Smallest daily " (Dec. 24, 1891)	24
Average weekly "	656
Number of books not accounted for	0
" books lost	0
" books fumigated	35
" notices to delinquents	1,838
" persons fined for injuring books	51
" books lost or injured and replaced by borrower	2
" catalogues sold	19
" books sent for by officer	0
" books repaired and re-bound at bindery	485
" names registered during the year	193
Total number of names registered	5,076

CLASSIFICATION.

	Purchased.	Issued.	
	No. Vols.	No. Vols.	Per Cent.
1. Fiction	244	24,846	72.9
2. Description and Travels	68	2,119	6.2
3. History	174	2,328	6.8
4. Religious works, including ecclesiastical history	45	342	1.0
5. Arts, Useful and Fine	91	1,391	4.1
6. Science	87	1,168	3.4
7. Miscellaneous works, including periodicals, essays, etc.	99	1.901	5.6
Total	808	34,095	100.0

ISSUE FOR DIFFERENT MONTHS.

February	3,074	Number brought up	16,857
March	3,241	August	2,616
April	2,924	September	2,480
May	2.708	October	2,913
June	2,659	November	2,841
July	2,251	December	3,041
		January	3,347
Number carried up	16,857		
Total			34,095

ISSUE FOR DIFFERENT YEARS.

1877–78	32,857
1878–79	31,776
1879–80 (eleven months)	31,723
1880–81	32,519
1881–82	32,564
1882–83	34,300
1883–84	35,820
1884–85	37,747
1885–86	37,566
1886–87	35,722
1887–88 (ten months)	27,548
1888–89	34,498
1889–90	35,070
1890–91	36,195
1891–92	34,095

DONATIONS.

NAMES.	Vols.	Pamphs
American Library Association	...	1
American Society of Microscopists	...	1
Anonymous	...	3
Baker, W. & Co	1	
Bigelow, H. N.	13	65
Boston Dental College	...	1
Brooks, W. H.	...	1
Candler, J. W.	...	1
Clinton, Town of	5	2
Cook, T. & Son	1	
Eddy, J. A.	1	
Ford, A. E.	...	3
Griffis, W. E.	...	1
Harvard University	1	
Hunt, C. L.	...	1
Insurance Companies, Hartford	1	
Libraries.—Brooklyn	...	1
Chelsea	...	2
Chicago, City	...	1
Chicago, Newberry	...	1
Fall River	...	1
Lancaster	...	1
Lawrence	...	1
Leicester	...	1
Leominster	...	1
Littleton	...	1
Manchester, N. H.	...	
Marlborough	...	1
Melrose	...	1
Providence, R. I.	...	1
St. Louis, Mo.	...	1
Salem	...	1
Springfield	...	1
State Library, Mass.	...	1
Waterbury, Conn.	...	2
Watertown	...	1
Worcester	...	1
Mass. Public Documents	5	
National Civil Service Reform League	...	1
Parkhurst, W. E.	1	
Philbin, J.	1	
Rice, F. P.	...	1

NAMES.	Vols.	Pamphs
Society of Psychical Research	. . .	1
Thissell, J.	1	
Tupper, F. A.	1	
U. S. Public Documents	72	28
University of Pennsylvania	. . .	2
Worcester Polytechnic Institute	. . .	1
World's Columbian Exposition	. . .	9
" " " Plates 12	. . .	
" " " Circulars 78	. . .	
	104	151

PERIODICALS REGULARLY RECEIVED.

WEEKLIES AND FORTNIGHTLIES.

American Machinist.
Art Interchange.
‡Christian Register.
†Clinton Courant.
†Clinton Enterprise.
Education, Journal of.
Electrical World.
English Mechanic.
Frank Leslie's Ill. Newspaper.
Harper's Weekly.
Literary World.
Littell's Living Age.
Nation.
§Patent Office Gazette.
Public Opinion.
Publishers' Weekly.
Science.
Scientific American.
Scientific Am. Supplement.
Youth's Companion.

MONTHLIES AND QUARTERLIES.

Atlantic Monthly.
Century.
Forum.
Harper's Monthly.
Library Journal.
Literary News.
Manufacturers' Review.
New England Magazine.
North American Review.
Popular Science Monthly.
St. Nicholas.
Scientific Am., Architects and Builders edition.
Scribner's Magazine.
Textile Manufacturer.
‡Unitarian Review.
Wide Awake.

† Given by publisher.
‡ Given by American Unitarian Association.
§ Given by U. S. Patent Office.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLOTTE L. GREENE, *Librarian.*

CLINTON, MASS., Feb. 1, 1892.

The Directors would report that the affairs of the Bigelow Free Public Library have been carried on to the satisfaction of the Directors, and so far as they are informed to the satisfaction of all the residents of the town, no complaints having come to their knowledge of any lack of courtesy or neglect of duty of the Librarian or of any of her assistants.

As will be seen from the Librarian's report the total number of volumes in the library is now 17,461 ; no book has been lost of the 34,095 loaned during the past year, which speaks well for the care and vigilance of the Librarian and her assistants, and also for the by-laws and regulations governing the use of books.

Acting by advice of the Board of Health of the town, thirty books have been destroyed, having been returned from families in which there have been cases of scarlet fever, or other infectious diseases. These books were nearly worn out and of little value, and it was thought better to destroy them, and replace them with new books, than to run the risk of carrying disease to other families ; other books, thirty-five in number, that were of more value, have been thoroughly fumigated and as we believe thoroughly disinfected.

The number of volumes added to the library during the year past is 808. The attention of the voters is called to the fact that our book-shelves are now nearly filled, and that more room will in a short time be a necessity. The Directors have hitherto endeavored to supply books of a popular character, but the time is near (if money is furnished by bequest or by vote of the town,) when books of a strictly scientific character should be furnished for such readers or students as may desire them.

The Directors would take this opportunity to commend the devotion and faithfulness of the Librarian and her assistants, and would recommend the appropriation of fifteen hundred dollars and the proceeds of the dog tax, for the support and maintenance of the library for the ensuing year.

For the Directors,

GEO. M. MORSE.

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OF THE

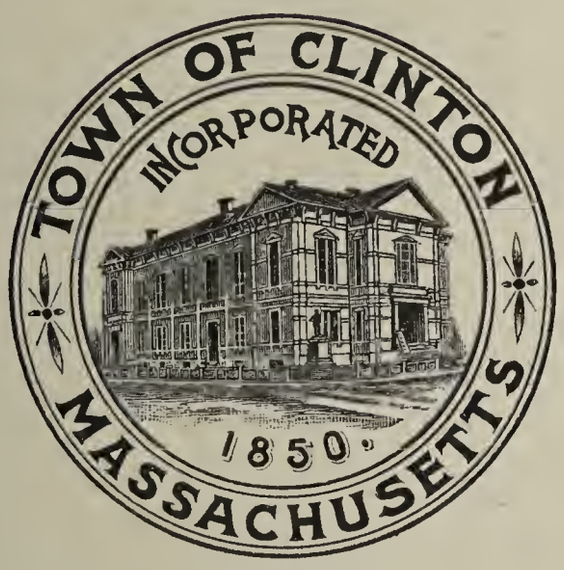
DIRECTORS

OF THE

BIGELOW FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

OF THE

TOWN OF CLINTON, Mass.



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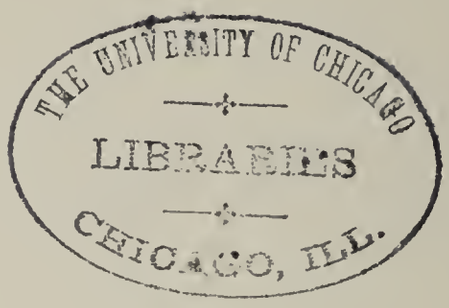

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NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Directors of the Bigelow Free Public Library

OF THE

TOWN OF CLINTON.

The Directors of the Bigelow Free Public Library herewith submit their nineteenth annual report, together with those of the Secretary and the Librarian.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the Directors of the Bigelow Free Public Library of the Town of Clinton:

GENTLEMEN:

Your secretary presents the following statement as the nineteenth annual report:

Amount appropriated by the town for the use of the library:		
Cash	$1,500 00	
Proceeds of the dog tax	805 55	
		$2,305 55
Amount received by the library from fines and catalogues:		
Money from fines	$93 98	
" " catalogues	11 00	
		104 98
Amount received by the library from bequest of Col. Gilman M. Palmer:		
Money deposited with town treasurer		1,000 00
		$3,410 53

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Amount paid general expenses, viz:		
Charlotte L. Greene, services as librarian, with assistants	$700 00	
Charlotte L. Greene, pd. postage, express, sundries	18 60	
P. O. Newsroom, stationery	9 16	
Library Bureau, accession book	9 50	
A. E. Ford, expense in getting books	10 00	
E. L. Johnson, binding and repairing books	136 75	
W. J. Coulter, paper, printing, etc	68 24	
E. O. Pratt, mat	4 50	
		$956 75
Amount paid new books:		
Estes & Lauriat	$1,333 88	
A. E. Ford	2 75	
G. M. Bodge	6 00	
		1,342 63
Total expenditure		$2,299 38
Unexpended balance of appropriation		6 17
Amount paid town treasurer, fines and catalogues		104 98
Amount paid, new books, Estes & Lauriat, under Col. Gilman M. Palmer's bequest	$248 47	
Unexpended balance	751 53	
		1,000 00
		$3,410 53

All of which is respectfully submitted, E. & O. E.,

ANDREW E. FORD,
Secretary of Board of Directors.

CLINTON, February 10, 1893.

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LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Directors of the Bigelow Free Public Library of the Town of Clinton, Mass.:

GENTLEMEN:

The nineteenth report of the Librarian, for the year ending January 31, 1893, is herewith presented:

ACCESSIONS.

Number of volumes in the library, as last reported	17,419
Increase by purchase	840
" Col. G. M. Palmer fund	70
" gift	89
" binding periodicals and pamphlets	57
	18,475
Decrease. Volumes withdrawn (worn out)	12
Total number of volumes in the library	18,463
Number of pamphlets given	143
" plates and circulars given	89
" newspapers and periodicals subscribed for	34
" " " given	5

CIRCULATION.

Number of days the library was open	256
" volumes delivered for home use	37,387
Largest monthly circulation (March)	3,698
Smallest " " (July)	2,612
Average " "	3,116
Largest daily circulation (March 5, 1892)	506
Smallest daily " (July 13, 1892)	28
Average weekly "	719
Number of books not accounted for	0
" books lost	0
" books fumigated	16
" notices to delinquents	1,840
" persons fined for injuring books	53
" books injured and replaced by borrower	1
" catalogues sold	21
" books sent for by officer	1
" books repaired and re-bound at bindery	450
" names registered during the year	226
Total number of names registered	5,302

CLASSIFICATION.

	* Purchased.	Issued.	
	No. Vols.	No. Vols.	Per Cent.
1. Fiction	226	28,043	75.0
2. Description and Travels	64	1,659	4.5
3. History	251	2,654	7.0
4. Religious works, including ecclesiastical history	44	329	.9
5. Arts, Useful and Fine	120	1,557	4.2
6. Science	105	1,057	2.8
7. Miscellaneous works, including periodicals, essays, etc.	100	2,088	5.6
Total	910	37,387	100.0

* Including Palmer fund.

ISSUE FOR EACH MONTH.

February	3,224	Number brought up	18,939
March	3,698	August	2,660
April	3,588	September	2,695
May	2,975	October	3,197
June	2,842	November	3,097
July	2,612	December	3,405
		January	3,394
Number carried up	18,939		
Total			37,387

ISSUE FOR DIFFERENT YEARS.

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1888–89	34,498
1889–90	35,070
1890–91	36,195
1891–92	34,095
1892–93	37,387

DONATIONS.

NAMES.	Vols.	Pamphs
American Metrological society	...	1
Anonymous	3	7
Newspapers 2	...	
Bremer, Dr. L.	...	1
Chace, Mrs. G. I.	1	4
Clinton, Town of	...	1
Libraries.—Brooklyn, N. Y.	...	1
Chelsea	...	1
Chicago, Newberry	...	1
Cincinnati, O.	...	2
Concord	...	1
Fall River	...	1
Hopedale	...	1
Lancaster	...	1
Leicester	...	1
Leominster	...	1
Littleton	...	1
Manchester, N. H.	...	1
Mass. State	...	2
Mass. Institute of technology	...	1
Melrose	...	1
Providence, R. I.	...	1
Salem	...	1
Scranton, Pa.	...	1
Springfield	...	1
St. Louis	...	2
Swansea, Eng.	...	1
Toledo, O.	...	1
Watertown	...	1
Worcester	...	1
Mass. Public documents	15	1
" School for feeble-minded	...	1
" Society for promoting agriculture	1	
" State agricultural experiment station	...	1
" Woman suffrage association	1	
Parkhurst, W. E.	2	5
Perkins institute for the blind	...	1
Pratt institute, Brooklyn, N. Y.	...	1
Prince society	...	2
Public reservations, Trustees of	...	1
Smithsonian institute	...	2
Universities.—Chicago	...	1

NAMES.	Vols.	Pamphs
Universities.—Denver	. . .	1
Harvard	1	1
Pennsylvania	. . .	1
U. S. Public documents	64	46
Volta bureau	1	
Weeks, G. W.	. . .	22
Woodbury, C. J. H.	. . .	4
Worcester Polytechnic institute	. . .	1
World's Columbian exposition	. . .	10
Circulars. 89	. . .	
	89	143

PERIODICALS REGULARLY RECEIVED.

WEEKLIES AND FORTNIGHTLIES.

American Machinist.
‡Christian Register.
†Clinton Courant.
†Clinton Enterprise.
Education, Journal of.
Electrical World.
English Mechanic.
Frank Leslie's Ill. Weekly
Harper's Weekly.
Literary World.
Littell's Living Age.
Nation.
§Patent Office Gazette.
Public Opinion.
Publishers' Weekly.
Science.
Scientific American.
Scientific Am. Supplement.
*Union Signal.
Youth's Companion.

MONTHLIES AND QUARTERLIES.

Art Interchange.
Atlantic Monthly.
Century.
Cosmopolitan.
Engineering Magazine.
Forum.
Harper's Monthly.
Library Journal.
Literary News.
Manufacturers' Review.
New England Magazine.
North American Review.
Popular Science Monthly.
Review of Reviews.
St. Nicholas.
Scientific Am., Architects and Builders edition.
Scribner's Magazine.
Textile Manufacturer.
Wide Awake.

† Given by publisher.
‡ Given by American Unitarian Association.
§ Given by U. S. Patent Office.
*Given by Clinton W. C. T. U.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLOTTE L. GREENE, *Librarian.*

CLINTON, MASS., Jan. 31, 1893.

The business of the Bigelow Free Public Library for the year has been conducted in a manner very satisfactory to the Directors, and so far as they are advised, acceptable to the public. No complaints have reached them regarding the days, hours, or length of time within which access to the library has been given, nor respecting the courtesy, care and attention shown by the persons in charge of the library in the performance of their respective duties. An occasional request for the purchase of a new book has not been complied with on account of its subject matter or its expense, to the disappointment, doubtless, of the person making the request. No such incident, however, has occurred without the careful attention of the Directors and the application of their best judgment in furnishing to their fellow-citizens only reading matter useful, proper, and adapted to their wants and best good; duties which they regard of the highest importance and specially entrusted to their most conscientious and best skill and judgment.

The Directors have a less favorable report to make respecting the Reading Room connected with the library. More or less complaints have come to them concerning its lighting and seating capacities, and perhaps not without some occasion for such complaints, and such improvements as can be made within the space now devoted to the read-room they would suggest should be made, but a reading room corresponding with the extent of the library and the number of the inhabitants of the town cannot be provided without greatly increased space, and other accommodations, requiring an expenditure which they would hardly recommend at the present time.

The town treasurer in his last report acknowledges the receipt of the amount of the principal of the Col. Palmer legacy, and charges himself with it in that capacity. The will by which the bequest is made directs its payment by the trustees to whom it is given to the Bigelow Free Public Library, on the death of the wife of the devisor, and she died, according to the records of the town, in November,

1888. The statutes of the commonwealth give such bequests to the directors, or trustees as there styled, of public libraries, and make the town treasurer their treasurer for the custody of such funds unless one of their own body has been chosen by the town, qualified and given bonds for that purpose, which has not been done here. The latest decisions of the Supreme Judicial Court make interest payable on all pecuniary legacies from the time when by the terms of the will they are made due and payable, and are incident to the principal of the legacy, without regard to the condition of the estate or the possession of available assets. The above payment is reputed to have been made in January, 1892, in general terms, without an acknowledgment of satisfaction of the legacy and interest incident thereto, by the treasurer, or the directors of the library or their authority. The time in which interest had then accrued on the legacy was about three years and two months, and amounted to about $190, a sum which the Directors, under the above decisions, consider as much due and payable as was the principal of the legacy or any part of the same, and which they have no more right to remit or disregard without the action of the town. The statutes also make it their duty to report these particulars relative to this legacy and its incidents, as well as a statement of the condition of the fund held by the town treasurer, as treasurer of the directors, and which appears in the report of the secretary.

The report of the librarian shows the whole number of volumes now in the library to be 18,463, an increase of 1044 over those found there last year; 974 of this addition have been obtained from the regular appropriation and donations, and 70 volumes from the Palmer legacy, the latter of which, while not literally confined in their subjects to the exact requirement of the vote relative to the expenditure of that fund passed by the town, a vote which under the statute the Directors can only regard as advisatory and not mandatory, are substantially of that character. The

number of volumes taken from the library for home use for the year has been 37,387, an increase of 3292 over the number loaned for that object last year, and no one has been lost. The registry of the names of the persons availing themselves of the privileges of the library for the year shows the number to be 5302, an increase of 226 over those contained in last year's report, both of which features of the report are highly complimentary to the persons entrusted with the performance of these duties, and show a growing appreciation of the importance and usefulness of the library on the part of the residents of the town.

The addition of the sum named for yearly expenditure by the above named vote, from the Palmer legacy, does not in the opinion of the Directors raise the amount to be applied for the uses of the library beyond the sum which can be wisely and judiciously expended to its legitimate uses, and they would recommend the appropriation of the sum of fifteen hundred dollars and the proceeds of the dog tax for the maintenance and enlargement of the library for the ensuing year.

For the Directors,

JOHN T. DAME.

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Bigelow Free Public Library

CLINTON, MASS.

1904

THIRTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

BIGELOW FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

OF THE

TOWN OF CLINTON, MASS.

CLINTON:
PRESS OF W. J. COULTER, : : : : COURANT OFFICE
1904

LIBRARY—1903.

DIRECTORS.

Henry N. Bigelow,
Andrew E. Ford,
James C. Duncan,
Edward J. Fitzgerald,
A. Burnham Allen,
James J. Goodwin.

LIBRARIAN.

Charlotte L. Greene.

First Assistant,
Helen A. Thissell.

Second Assistant,
Lena G. Phelps.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN:

Teresa R. Dervin.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS:

Annie M. Coulter.
Mary R. Monahan.

Edward F. Riley, Janitor.

LIBRARY HOURS:

Circulating Department, main library,	Week days, 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.
Children's Room,	Week days, 3 to 6 P.M.
Art Room,	Week days, 3 to 6 P.M.
Reading Rooms	Week days, 9 A.M. to 9 P.M. Sundays, 2 to 6 P.M.

REPORT.

The Directors of the Bigelow Free Public Library present to the town the reports of their Secretary and Librarian as a part of their Thirtieth Annual Report for the year ending January 31, 1904:

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Directors of the Bigelow Free Public Library of the Town of Clinton.

GENTLEMEN:

Your secretary presents the following statement as his thirtieth annual report:—

Amount appropriated by the town for the use of the library:		
Cash, including dog tax		$5,000 00
Amount received by the library from fines, catalogues and town histories, memorial volumes, rebate from insurance, etc.:		
Cash received from fines	$124 51	
" " " 525 town histories	133 00	
" " " 4 catalogues	1 00	
" " " 4 memorial volumes	4 00	
" " " rebate on insurance	19 05	
" " " old papers and books	1 75	
		283 31
		$5,283 31

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Amount paid general expenses, viz:	
E. L. Johnson, binding and repairing books	$381 07
W. J. Coulter, printing, paper, etc	201 73
John Hamilton, moving library, etc	55 92
Price, Lee & Co., directory	2 00
Cumulative Index Co., index	5 00
J. T. & W. R. Dame, insurance	137 50
C. G. Stevens & Son, "	175 00

F. M. Hammond, "	$25 00
E. F. Merrick, typewriting	2 95
Hooper, Lewis & Co., office furniture	22 19
Lucius Field & Co., " "	74 13
Chas. Bowman estate, stove, etc.	21 84
E. F. Hall, window shades (paid under library lot and building account, in part)	67 07
Library Bureau, furniture (paid under library lot and building account, in part)	168 17
E. O. Pratt, hose and hardware	35 96
Paine Furniture Co., furniture	47 40
W. H. Walker, covering pipes	125 00
R. Maitland & Son, plumbing	5 00
Joshua Thissell, surveying	10 10
E. W. Breed, labor	34 50
Charlotte L. Greene, salary as librarian, with assistants	487 50
" " labor in moving	22 92
" " salary	229 16
" " paid express, postage, etc.	29 40
Helen A. Thissell, labor in moving	39 73
" " salary	166 66
Lena G. Phelps, labor moving	32 78
" " salary	145 80
Teresa R. Dervin, salary	137 50
Mary R. Monahan, labor moving, etc.	51 68
E. F. Riley, salary	568 29
" " paid toilet articles	1 95
John McNulty, cleaning paths	90
Mrs. N. F. Herrick, cleaning	9 40
Chas. Frazer & Son, coal	196 50
Dinsmore Coal Co., coal	41 25
H. C. Greeley & Co., towels, etc.	6 08
A. E. Ford, paid picture net	2 50
H. A. Burdett, paper, etc	4 70
F. W. Morrill, stationery	46 56
N. L. Howe, hardware	1 50
Clinton Water Department, water	3 31
N. E. Telephone Co., telephone	23 22
Clinton Gas Light Co., lighting	306 29
John McNamee, labor	4 40
L. F. Whitney, mantles	1 05
Eureka Steam Laundry, washing	42
	$4,158 98

Amount paid new books:		
Charles E. Lauriat & Co., new books.....	$696 87	
F. W. Morrill, periodicals.....	143 06	
		$839 93
Total expenditure from appropriation.....		$4,998 91
Unexpended balance " "		1 09
		$5,000 00
Amount paid town treasurer for fines, catalogues, etc.	$271 94	
" stolen.....	11 37	
		283 31
		$5,283 31

All of which is respectfully submitted, E. & O. E.,

ANDREW E. FORD,

Secretary of Board of Directors.

CLINTON, MASS., January 31, 1904.

LIBRARY LOT AND BUILDING.

Amount appropriated by town for lot....	$15,000 00		
" " " building,	21,175 00		
		$36,175 00	
Amount received as gift from Andrew Carnegie...		25,000 00	
Total appropriation and gift for library building.....			$61,175 00
Receipts from sale of Morse house and belongings...		$175 00	
" " " barn.....		50 00	
			225 00
			$61,400 00

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Amount paid for land and the buildings thereon, estate of G. M. Morse.....			$15,000 00
Amount paid for building, viz:			
Amount paid on contracts made through Winslow & Bigelow, architects:			
J. E. Warren & Co., general work.....		$32,384 56	
Library Bureau, stacks.....	$3,600 00		
" " furniture.....	925 00		
		4,525 00	
R. Guastavino Co., Guastavino construction...		2,700 00	
Buerkel & Co., heating apparatus and work...		1,700 00	
Lord Electric Co., electric work.....		1,063 55	
Simpson Brothers Corporation, concrete work..		882 50	

E. W. Breed, landscape gardening, including grading by J. H. Wilder		$700 00	
R. Hollings & Co., electric fixtures		543 70	
J. T. Croft & Co., lanterns, grills and screens		420 00	
Paine Furniture Co., furniture		315 00	
E. F. Meany & Co., tablet and shelf		80 00	
E. F. Hall, window shades		64 57	
E. Howard Clock Co., clock		50 00	
Hugh Cairns, clock wreath		50 00	
		$45,478 88	
Winslow & Bigelow, plans and commissions	$2,273 94		
Winslow & Bigelow, travelling expenses	236 09		
		2,510 03	
			$47,988 91
Amount paid directly, i. e., not through architects:			
J. S. Allen, surveying		$6 50	
Lucius Field & Co., boxing picture		85	
J. A. Grady, services as auctioneer		10 00	
W. J. Coulter, advertising		2 25	
R. Maitland & Son, plumbing		10 92	
J. H. Wilder, drains		36 01	
			66 53
Total cost of building and furniture			$48,055 44
Total cost of building, furniture and land			$63,055 44
Amount on above paid from annual appropriation for use of library during 1902–3 and 1903–4			1,880 44
Amount expended from appropriation and Carnegie gift for library, lot and building			$61,175 00
Amount paid town treasurer from receipts from Morse house and barn			225 00
			$61,400 00

ANDREW E. FORD, *Secretary Board of Directors.*

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Directors of the Bigelow Free Public Library:

GENTLEMEN:

The thirtieth report of the librarian, for the year ending January 31, 1904, is herewith presented:

ACCESSIONS.

Number of volumes as last reported		25,726
Increase by purchase		519
" gift		312
" exchange of Ford's History of Clinton		7
" binding periodicals and pamphlets		81
		26,645
Decrease, by volumes withdrawn (worn out)	146	
" missing	6	152
Total number of volumes		26,493
Number of pamphlets given		109
" periodicals subscribed for		55
" periodicals given		5

ISSUE FOR EACH MONTH.*

February	3,499	Number brought up	17,730
March	3,508	August. (2 weeks)	896
April	3,075	September	3,975
May	2,672	October	5,350
June	2,629	November	5,191
July	2,347	December	4,922
Number carried up	17,730	January	5,310
Total			43,374

*Including Juvenile books.

ISSUE FOR TEN YEARS.

1894–95	44,464
1895–96	45,018
1896–97	45,806
1897–98	46,708
1898–99	43,544
1899–1900	50,417
1900–01	47,932
1901–02	45,499
1902–03	40,190
1903–04	43,374

CIRCULATION AND MINOR STATISTICS.

Days delivery department was open:		
Main library	290	
Children's room	128	
Days reading rooms were open:		
Week days	128	
Sundays and holidays	24	
Total		151
Circulation:		
Main library (year)	34,089	
Children's room (5 months)	9,285	
Total		43,374
Largest monthly circulation:		
Main library (January, 1904.)	3,551	
Children's room (October, 1903)	2,167	
Largest daily circulation:		
Main library (February 14, 1903)	322	
Children's room (November 30, 1903)	143	
Books missing	6	
Books lost or injured and replaced by borrower	3	
Books worn out and replaced by library	23	
Books repaired and rebound at bindery	1,339	
Postal notices for overdue books:		
Main library (year)	2,490	
Children's room (5 months)	281	
Total		2,771
Overdue books sent for by officer	2	
Persons fined for injuring books	21	
Catalogues sold	4	
Catalogues given to patrons of library	334	
Town histories sold	525	
Town histories given to Clinton public schools	50	
Town histories exchanged	7	
Clinton memorial volumes sold	4	
Names registered (a new registry commenced Sept. 1.)		
Main library	1,137	
Children's room	793	
Total		1,930

CLASSIFICATION.

	*Purchased	Issued.	
	No. vols.	No. vols.	Per cent.
1. Fiction	243	27,487	63.4
2. Description and Travel	36	883	2.1
3. History	68	1,456	3.3
4. Religion, (including ecclesiastical history)	21	254	.6
5. Useful arts	23	604	1.4
6. Fine arts	32	756	1.7
7. Natural science	16	510	1.2
8. Social science	13	230	.5
9. Education	10	291	.7
10. Literature	32	534	1.2
11. Miscellanies, (including periodicals, essays, etc.)	25	1,084	2.5
12. Juvenile books, (Children's room, five months)	.....	9,285	21.4
Total	519	43,374	100.0

*Including Juvenile books.

EXHIBITION OF PICTURES FROM LIBRARY ART CLUB.

September.....Rouen.
October.....India.
November.....Egypt.
December.....Amiens.
January.....Alhambra.

GIFTS OF VOLUMES AND PAMPHLETS.

NAMES.	Vols.	Pamphs
United States.—Departments:		
Agriculture	....	8
Education	3	1
Post-office	....	1
War	14	
Census office	1	5
Congress	1	
Interstate commerce commission	1	
Philippine civil service commission	....	2
Smithsonian institution	4	2
Massachusetts:		
Free public library commission	....	2
Secretary of state's office	41	1
State board of charities	....	1
Trustees of public reservations	....	1
Societies and organizations:		
Ancient and honorable artillery co., Boston	1	
California state board of architecture	....	1
Indian rights association	....	1
Lake Mohonk arbitration congress	....	1
Massachusetts reform club	....	1
Massachusetts total abstinence society	....	1
Massachusetts single tax league	....	1
Merchants' association of New York	....	2
National sound money league	1	
Pioneer advertising co., Honolulu	....	1
Educational institutions:		
Harvard college, Cambridge	1	1
Harvard university, Cambridge	1	
Massachusetts agricultural college, Amherst	....	1
Massachusetts institute of technology, Boston	....	1
Massachusetts state normal school, Worcester	....	1
Perkins institution for the blind, Boston	....	1
Textile school, Lowell	....	1
University of Illinois, Urbana	....	1
Worcester polytechnic institute	....	1
Anonymous	2	
Libraries.—*Reports and Bulletins.*		
Ayer	1	1
Boston (General theological)	....	1
Boston (Public)	....	1

NAMES.	Vols.	Pamphs
Libraries—*Reports and Bulletins*—continued.		
Braddock, Pa. (Carnegie free)	....	1
Bridgeport, Ct.	....	1
Chelsea (Fitz)	....	1
Chicago, Ill.	....	7
Concord	....	2
Erie, Pa.	....	1
Everett (Shute memorial)	....	1
Fitchburg	....	2
Groton	....	1
Haverhill	....	3
Helena, Montana	....	2
Lancaster	....	1
Lawrence	....	1
Leominster	....	1
Littleton (Reuben Hoar)	....	1
Lynn	....	1
Malden	....	1
Manchester, N. H.	....	1
Melrose	....	1
Natick (Morse institute)	....	1
New Bedford	....	1
Newton	....	1
Northampton (Forbes)	...	1
Philadelphia, Pa. (Free)	...	1
Providence, R. I.	....	1
St. Louis, Mo. (Mercantile library association)	....	1
Salem	....	1
Scranton, Pa. (Albright memorial)	1	2
Springfield	....	1
Syracuse, N. Y.	....	1
Taunton	....	1
Washington, D. C. (Congressional)	1	1
Westborough	....	1
Woburn	....	1
Worcester	....	11
Towns, Individuals and Firms.		
Balch, T. W., Philladelphia, Pa.	1	
Beveridge, A. J., Indianapolis, Ind.	....	1
Chandler, A. D., Hyde Park	....	1
Channing, W., Brookline	....	1
Clinton, Town of	....	3
Cook, T. and Son, New York city	....	1

NAMES.	Vols.	Pa mphs
Towns, Individuals and Firms—continued.		
Fitchburg, City of	1	
Gibson, G. S.	1	
Harper and bros., N. Y.	1	
Harris, E. A., Boston	1	
Holder, F. T., Yonkers, N. Y.	1	
Phillips, S. L., Washington, D. C.	1	
Pillsbury, A. E., Boston	1	
Scott, S. D., Ontario, Canada	....	1
Thayer, J. E., Lancaster	1	
Universalist pub. co.	1	
Weeks, G. W., Bequest of	228	
Worcester telegram co. Unbound nos. Telegram, Sunday and daily editions, 1903.		
	312	109

The past year, having seen the completion and occupancy of the new library building in September, 1903, has been memorable, in that it marks the fulfilment of the hopes of the Directors to give to the town a building, adequate not only to utilitarian needs, but to the equally important "teaching quality" of an academic structure. No formal opening of the library was deemed expedient or advisable. An opportunity, which was very generally improved, was given to the people to inspect the new building. The changed conditions for its use are bringing constantly increasing numbers; the children's room, the art room, the men's reading room well supplied with daily papers, have all proved unquestioned benefits, and have fully justified the wish of the Directors that the library should be used by "all sorts and conditions of men."

The opening on Sunday, under certain restrictions, gives to many seeking quiet and good books, an hour not out of harmony with the thought of the Lord's Day. This opportunity is gaining in favor, and the Directors believe that these new methods, made possible this year for the first time in the history of the library, are great helps to the community in general.

The circulation of books constantly increases, notably in the children's department, and the opening each and every day has proved beyond measure satisfactory. To be auxiliary to the public schools, to build upon the foundation so well laid in that national system, to help on the educational work of the people under all circumstances, is the trust under which the Directors have labored to make the library available at all times to all the people.

These many changes, as stated in the report of last year, much increases the cost of maintenance; the additional service of the librarian and assistants, the employment of a janitor, greater demands for heat and light, are readily recognized as explaining the larger sum needed for current expenses. The Directors would call attention to the fact that during the severe cold of the winter the building has always been warm and well lighted.

With a sense therefore of gratification in its noble purpose, the Directors also feel that the building itself has that which should commend itself to all, truth in design and workmanship, without which no structure, however superficially attractive, will stand the judgment of the future.

The Directors recommend the appropriation of $6,000, including the dog tax for 1904, for the support and increase of the library for the ensuing year.

Henry N. Bigelow,	James C. Duncan,
Edward J. Fitzgerald,	A. Burnham Allen,
James J. Goodwin,	Andrew E. Ford,

Board of Directors.

Clinton, Jan. 31, 1904.

PERIODICALS REGULARLY RECEIVED.

MAIN LIBRARY.

WEEKLIES.

American machinist.
†Christian register.
*Clinton courant.
Education, Journal of.
Electrical world.
Harper's weekly.
Leslie's illustrated weekly.
Life.
Living age.
Nation.
Outlook.
‡Patent office gazette.
Public opinion.
Publishers' weekly.
Science.
Scientific American.
Scientific Amer. supplement.
Week's progress.
Youth's companion.

MONTHLIES AND QUARTERLIES.

Am. monthly review of reviews.
Art interchange.
Atlantic monthly.
Bookman.
Century.
Cosmopolitan.
Critic.
Engineering magazine.
Forum.
Harper's bazar.
Harper's monthly.
*Hospital Cottage friend.
International quarterly.
Ladies' home journal.
Library journal.
Literary news.
Literary world.
McClure's magazine.
New England magazine.
North American review.
Popular science monthly.
Public libraries.
Reader's guide to periodical literature.
St. Nicholas.
Scientific American building monthly.
Scribner's magazine.
Textile world.
Uber Land und Meer.
§Worcester magazine.

CHILDREN'S ROOM.

St. Nicholas.
Youth's companion.

NEWSPAPER ROOM.

Boston daily globe.
Boston evening transcript.
Boston herald.
Clinton daily item.
Collier's.
New York weekly post.
Saturday evening post.
Springfield republican.
Sun.
Worcester telegram.

*Gift of publisher. † Gift of American Unitarian association.
‡Gift of U. S. Patent office (Courtesy of Hon. G. F. Hoar).
§Gift of Worcester Board of trade.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLOTTE L. GREENE, *Librarian.*

CLINTON, MASS., Jan. 31, 1904.

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THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

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LIBRARY—1904.

DIRECTORS.

Henry N. Bigelow,
Andrew E. Ford,
James C. Duncan,
Christopher C. Stone,
A. Burnham Allen,
Neil Walker.

LIBRARIAN.

Charlotte L. Greene.

First Assistant,
Helen A. Thissell.

Second Assistant,
Lena G. Phelps.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN:

Teresa R. Dervin.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS:

Hazel A. Lasselle.
Annie M. Coulter.
Alice G. O'Malley.
Lucy H. Shaw.

Edward F. Riley, Janitor.

LIBRARY HOURS:

Circulating Department, main library,	Week days, 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.
Children's Room,	Week days, 3 to 6 P.M.
Art Room,	Week days, 3 to 6 P.M.
Reading Rooms	Week days, 9 A.M. to 9 P.M. Sundays, 2 to 6 P.M.

REPORT.

The Directors of the Bigelow Free Public Library present to the town the reports of their Secretary and Librarian as a part of their Thirty-first Annual Report for the year ending January 31, 1905:

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Directors of the Bigelow Free Public Library of the Town of Clinton.

GENTLEMEN:

Your secretary presents the following statement as his thirty-first annual report:—

Amount appropriated by the town for the use of the library:

Cash, including dog tax	$5,200 00

CONTRA CR.

Amount paid general expenses, viz:

Salaries:		
Charlotte L. Greene, librarian	$550 00	
Helen A. Thissell, assistant librarian	400 00	
Lena G. Phelps, " "	350 00	
Teresa R. Dervin, " "	341 66	
E. F. Riley, janitor	800 00	$2,441 66
Clinton Gas Light Co., lighting	$442 05	
" " lamps	22 50	464 55
Charles Frazer & Son, coal		470 15
E. L. Johnson, binding and repairing books		381 42
W. J. Coulter, printing, paper, etc.		149 13
Charlotte L. Greene, paid express, postage, etc.		25 28
E. F. Riley, paid labor, dusters, etc.		9 60
Mary R. Monahan, labor		3 30
E. W. Breed, shrubs and labor		34 05
E. O. Pratt, lawn mower and hardware		26 93
Lucius Field & Co., awnings		59 00
Library Bureau, cards		2 00
Wallace, Stowers & Co., toilet articles		4 50
John Hamilton, carting		5 30
Price, Lee & Co., directory		2 00

H. W. Wilson Co., indexes			$12 00
J. F. Bartlett, work on clock			1 50
Clinton Optical Co., picture			35
Houghton & Mifflin, index			9 00
F. W. Morrill, stationery, etc			30 18
" " newspapers			54 65
Clinton Water Department, water			11 16
New England Telephone Co., telephone			41 65
Eureka Steam Laundry, washing			2 86
Clinton Specialty Co., screens			102 00
J. E. Harvey, picture			40 00
Madden Art Co., picture frame			8 40
			$4,392 62
Amount paid new books and periodicals:			
Charles E. Lauriat & Co., new books	$704 16		
Henry Billings, new book	1 63		
Old Corner Book Store, new book	2 88	$708 67	
F. W. Morrill, periodicals		94 30	802 97
Total expenditure from appropriation			$5,195 59
Unexpended balance			4 41
			$5,200 00

Amount received by the library from fines, town histories, memorial volumes, and old papers:

Cash received from fines	$142 29	
" " " 12 town histories	10 00	
" " " 2 memorial volumes	2 00	
" " " old papers	61	
		154 90

CONTRA CR.

Amount paid town treasurer from fines, town histories, etc... $154 90

Expended through the trustees of the Weeks' Fund:

For scientific and practical works	$118 34	
Books for children's room	81 71	
Total expenditure		$200 05

[See report of Trustees of Weeks Funds.]

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ANDREW E. FORD, *Secretary Board of Directors.*

January 31, 1905.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Directors of the Bigelow Free Public Library:

GENTLEMEN:

The thirty-first report of the librarian, for the year ending January 31, 1905, is herewith presented:

ACCESSIONS.

Number of volumes as last reported		26,493
Increase by purchase (Town appropriation)	544	
" Weeks fund*	339	
" gift	106	
" binding periodicals and pamphlets	111	1,100
		27,593
Decrease, by volumes withdrawn (worn out)	17	
" missing	4	21
Estimated number of volumes		27,572
Number of pamphlets given		133
" periodicals subscribed for (Town appropriation)	48	
" " " (Weeks funds)	17	65
" periodicals given		5

* The early closing of the accounts of the trustees of the Weeks funds will bring the payment for some of these volumes on their account for the ensuing year.

MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS.

Days delivery department was open:		
Main library (twelve hours)		307
Children's room (three hours)		307
Sundays reading rooms were open		28
Holidays " " "		1
Average Sunday attendance		51
Largest monthly circulation:		
Main library (March, 1904.)		3,789
Children's room (February, 1904)		1,846
Largest daily circulation:		
Main library (February 20, 1904)		331
Children's room (February 20, 1904)		126
Books missing—Main library:		
Charged and not returned	1	
Unaccounted for	1	
Children's room:		
Unaccounted for	2	4
Books lost or injured and replaced by borrower		4
Books worn out and replaced by library		16

MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS—Continued.

Books repaired and rebound at bindery	.....	666
Postal notices for overdue books:		
Main library	2,699	
Children's room	652	3,351
Overdue books sent for by officer	.....	5
Persons fined for injuring books	.....	25
Town histories sold	.....	12
Clinton memorial volumes sold	.....	2
Names registered during the year:		
Main library	424	
Children's room	263	687
Names since new registry (Sept. 1, 1903.)		
Main library,	1,561	
Children's room	1,056	
	2,617	
Decrease by transfers from children's room to main library	38	2,579

CLASSIFICATION.

	Purchase and Weeks Funds.	Circulation,	
	No. vols.	No. vols.	Per cent.
1. Fiction	203	31,401	57.8
2. Description and Travel	56	870	1.6
3. History	91	1,634	3.0
4. Religion, (including ecclesiastical history)	23	276	.5
5. Useful arts	54	750	1.4
6. Fine arts	35	872	1.6
7. Natural science	55	624	1.2
8. Social science	43	357	.6
9. Education	15	280	.5
10. Literature	47	485	.9
11. Miscellanies, (including periodicals, essays, etc.)	30	1,268	2.3
12. Juvenile books, (Children's room)	231	15,530	28.6
Total	883	54,347	100.0

CIRCULATION.

	Main Library	Children's Room.	Totals.
February	3,746	1,846	5,592
March	3,789	1,748	5,537
April	3,417	1,316	4,733
May	2,981	1,015	3,996
June	2,960	939	3,899
July	2,956	751	3,707
August	2,960	702	3,662
September	2,959	938	3,897
October	3,107	1,381	4,488
November	3,269	1,579	4,848
December	3,269	1,577	4,846
January	3,404	1,738	5,142
Total	38,817	15,530	54,347

FOR TEN YEARS.

1895–96	45,018
1896–97	45,806
1897–98	46,708
1898–99	43,544
1899–1900	50,417
1900–01	47,932
1901–02	45,499
1902–03	40,190
1903–04	43,374
1904–05	54,347

GIFTS OF VOLUMES AND PAMPHLETS.

MAMES.	Vols.	Pamphs.
United States—Departments.		
Commerce and Labor	....	1
Education	1	
Census office. General bulletins	1	13
Philippine bulletins	....	3
Fish commission	2	
Geological survey	1	
Interstate commerce commission	1	
Philippine civil service board	....	3
Philippine independence committee	....	1
Smithsonian institution	6	13
Massachusetts.		
Civil service reform auxiliary	....	14
Free public library commission	....	1
Secretary of state's office	26	
State board of charities	....	1
Trustees of public reservations	...	1
Societies and Organizations.		
Armstrong association	....	1
Clinton hospital association	....	1
Indian rights association	....	2
Lake Mohawk arbitration congress	....	2
Massachusetts library art club	....	1
Massachusetts total abstinence society	....	1
St. Louis exposition	1	1
Soldiers' home, Chelsea	....	1
Weeks institute	....	1
Educational institutions.		
DePauw university, Greencastle Ind.	....	1
Harvard College, Cambridge	1	
Harvard university, Cambridge	1	
Massachusetts agricultural college, Amherst	....	1
Massachusetts institute of technology, Boston	....	2
Massachusetts school for the feeble minded, Waltham	....	1
Massachusetts state normal school, Worcester	....	1
Tabor academy, Marion	....	1
Textile school, New Bedford	....	1
University of Chicago	....	1
University of Colorado, Boulder	...	1
University of Illinois, Urbana	.. .	1
University of Vermont, Burlington	....	1
Worcester polytechnic institute	....	1

NAMES	Vols.	Pamphs.
Libraries—*Reports and Bulletins.*		
Baltimore, Md. (Enoch Pratt)	....	1
Boston (General theological)	....	1
Boston (state)	....	2
Chelsea (Fitz)	....	1
Chicago, Ill.	....	7
Concord	...	1
Everett (Shute memorial)	....	1
Groton	....	1
Haverhill	....	5
Lancaster	...	1
Lawrence	....	1
Leominster	....	1
Littleton (Reuben Hoar)	....	1
Lynn	....	1
Malden	....	1
Manchester, N. H.	....	1
Natick (Morse institute)	....	1
New Bedford	....	1
Newton	....	1
Philadelphia, Pa. (Free)	....	1
Providence, R. I.	....	1
St. Louis, Mo. (Mercantile library association)	....	1
Salem	....	1
Washington, D. C. (Congressional)	2	1
Waterbury, Conn. (Silas Bronson)	....	1
Westborough	....	1
Weston	....	1
Woburn	....	1
Worcester	....	12
Towns, Individuals and Firms.		
Chickering and sons	1	
Clinton, Town of	....	1
Dwinell-Wright Co., Boston	....	1
Field, Hon. L.	1	
Fitchburg, City of	1	
Ford, G. Burrette	1	
Greene, E. H. R., Terrell, Texas	....	1
Harper, W. R., Chicago, Ill.	2	
Harrison, C. H., Chicago, Ill.	1	
Hartwell, Mrs. F. W.	3	
MacMillan Co., New York	....	2
Thayer, Col. J. E., Lancaster	....	1
Tirrell, Hon. C Q., Washington, D. C.	1	

NAMES	Vols.	Pamphs.
Towns, Individuals and Firms—continued.		
Tyler, S. W.	1	
Weeks, G. W., Bequest of old books (not entered last year)	51	
Whitman, W. E. S., Boston	....	1
Worcester Telegram co. Unbound nos. Telegram, Sunday and daily editions, 1904	....	
	106	133

*LIBRARY ART CLUB EXHIBITS.

		No. Photographs.
Feb. 2–Feb. 22.	Nuremberg	88
Mar. 1–Mar. 22.	Switzerland. No. 1	92
Mar. 22–Apr. 11.	Orvieto	60
Apr. 5–Apr. 25.	National Gallery, London. No. 1. British school	100
April 26–May 16.	Florence. No. 5	83
May 21–June 6.	Venice. No 2	99
June 6–June 27.	Modern American sculpture	63
July 12–Aug. 1.	Scotland. No. 1	102
Aug. 23–Sept. 12.	English country houses	100
Sept. 26–Oct. 17.	Durer	130
Oct. 24–Nov. 14.	French artists	91
Nov. 14–Dec. 5.	Rome. No. 1	81
Dec. 6–Dec. 26.	Australia. No. 2	125
		1,214

During the year we have had an exhibit, "Representative art," kindly loaned us by Miss A. G. Chandler of Lancaster, also permanent collections of pictures given by the late G. W. Weeks.

* Subscription, the gift of A. E. Ford.

PERIODICALS REGULARLY RECEIVED.

MAIN LIBRARY.

WEEKLIES.

American machinist.
†Christian register.
*Clinton courant.
Education, Journal of.
Electrical world.
Harper's weekly.
Leslie's illustrated weekly.
Life.
Living age.
Nation.
Outlook.
‡Patent office gazette.
Public opinion.
Publishers' weekly.
Science.
Scientific American.
Scientific Amer. supplement.
Searchlight.
Youth's companion.

MONTHLIES AND QUARTERLIES.

Am. monthly review of reviews.
Architectural review.
Art interchange.
Atlantic monthly.
Bookman.
Brickbuilder.
Century.
Cosmopolitan.
Country life in America.
Critic.
Engineering magazine.
Forum.
Harper's bazar.
Harper's monthly.
*Hospital Cottage friend.
International quarterly.
International studio.
Ladies' home journal.
Library journal.
McClure's magazine.
Masters in art.
New England magazine.
North American review.
Popular science monthly.
Public libraries.
Readers' guide to periodical literature.
St. Nicholas.
Scientific American building monthly.
Scribner's magazine.
Success.
Textile world record.
Uber Land und Meer.
§Worcester magazine.
World's work.

CHILDREN'S ROOM.

Amateur work.
Birds and nature.
Little folks.
Our animal friends.
Our dumb animals.
St. Nicholas.
Youth's companion.

NEWSPAPER ROOM.

Boston daily globe.
Boston evening transcript.
Boston herald.
Clinton daily item.
Collier's.
New York weekly post.
Saturday evening post.
Springfield republican.
Sun.
Worcester telegram.

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‡Gift of U. S. Patent office (Courtesy of Hon. C. Q. Tirrell).
§ Gift of Worcester Board of trade.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLOTTE L. GREENE, *Librarian.*

CLINTON, MASS., Jan. 31, 1905.

As the library has now been in its new quarters more than a year, the advantages derived from the change may be fairly appreciated and the needs of the future under existing conditions in some measure foreseen.

The twofold object of the library is to provide means of education and recreation for the citizens of the town. These two functions cannot be clearly separated, for there is no recreation more delightful to the person tired with manual labor than may be found in quiet study, and most books which are read mainly for recreation enlarge the intellectual horizon and broaden the sympathies.

In order to accomplish this twofold object of the library, it is necessary that the quantity of books and periodicals should be abundant, and that their quality should be the best attainable. The abundance of quantity must be made possible through liberal appropriations by the town, and the quality must be assured by careful selection on the part of the board of directors. It is also necessary that these books and periodicals be made accessible to the public, that such guidance as is desired in the search for information or in the choice of reading should be given and that suitable and pleasant accommodations should be provided for those who wish to read or study at the library building.

The library performs its functions in three ways; by letting out of books for home use, by providing opportunities for consultation and for reference work with all due assistance at the library, and by the opening of rooms especially for the reading of magazines and newspapers.

The letting out of books for home use has been less affected by the removal of the library to the new building than the other two departments of library work. The most prominent new feature in this direction is the opening of the children's room with an independent charging department. All the books in this room are made directly accessible to the children, since they are placed on open shelves. Formerly the right of taking books was confined to those who were fourteen years of age or over. All age limit has now been removed and the takers of books for home use from the children's room are for the most part from grades II–VII of our public schools, and their average age is under twelve years. Over fifteen thousand books have been let out to such children during the past year. This department renders it necessary to buy more juvenile books than formerly, and books adapted to a younger class of readers. The bequest of George W. Weeks, by which he rendered perpetual

the kind care for children which he was accustomed to exercise while living, has enabled the directors of the library to provide for this need without drawing very heavily upon the town appropriation. The opening of a special room for this purpose, with the payment for the services of librarian therefor, has however added materially to the cost of running the library. No one who has observed the pleasure and profit the children gain from the privileges granted can feel that the money is ill spent, and there is no phase of library work that offers a more promising field for future development. The circulation among adults differs little, either in the number or the nature of books issued, from that of previous years. One system recently introduced may have added somewhat to the proportion of books other than those of fiction taken. This is the privilege of taking a second book other than fiction on a single card. The Weeks fund for the purchase of scientific and practical works, while very ample for the purchase of books in these departments, which cover not more than six per cent of the total circulation, cannot be used in any other direction and does not therefore greatly lessen the need of generous appropriations for the purchase of books.

For reference work and library study, the opening of the new building gave greatly increased facilities, and these have been utilized in a considerable degree by the pupils in the higher grades of the schools, the members of various literary organizations and by individuals pursuing private researches. As this is one of the most valuable educational departments of library work, it would be well if our people could appreciate and use it yet more widely. The young especially, whose circumstances will not permit them to take the higher courses of study at college or elsewhere, can find at the library facilities for continuing their studies to good advantage in many directions.

In the old library quarters a single shelf poorly lighted and inconveniently located in the confusion of a room devoted to the circulating department, with the chairs for readers placed in a much-used passageway, furnished the only accommodations that could be provided for those who wished to look over the periodicals. Now, in addition to the children's room where there are conveniences for reading of books and periodicals, there are two other cheerful, quiet, well lighted rooms provided with all needed accommodations for readers. These accommodations are well appreciated and the amount of the reading of magazines has increased

many fold over what was done under the old conditions. Meanwhile the room devoted especially to the newspapers is remarkably well used. Hereafter no one can feel that there is no place other than saloons, where a man without a home can spend his leisure hours in comfort, and amid abundant opportunities of improvement.

The art department, which is supplementary to the regular work of the library, is thus far in an experimental stage of development. Collections of photographs and other pictorial reproductions of works of art and of natural scenery bearing on some central theme have been exhibited from month to month, and have been examined with interest. These exhibitions have been without expense to the town. New schemes have been suggested which may add to the value of the department during the coming year.

To the picture of Erastus Brigham Bigelow, which had been previously donated to the library, the picture of Horatio Nelson Bigelow was added by gift during the past year, and the portraits of the two men whose names are associated with the founding of the library will for the future adorn its walls. A picture of George Washington Weeks has also been secured as a memorial of his fostering care for the library while living, and the noble bequest made for its future good.

The conditions are now such that the sidewalk around the library building should be repaired and be improved by the addition of a curbing during the ensuing year. While the cost of repair belongs to the road department, half the cost of the curbing must be paid by the library department. This will require according to estimate about one hundred and fifty dollars.

In order that the work of the library may be carried on next year under the most favorable conditions, an appropriation of fifty-five hundred dollars is needed.

HENRY N. BIGELOW,
CHRISTOPHER C. STONE,
JAMES C. DUNCAN
A. BURNHAM ALLEN,
NEIL WALKER,
ANDREW E. FORD,

Directors.

February 1, 1905.

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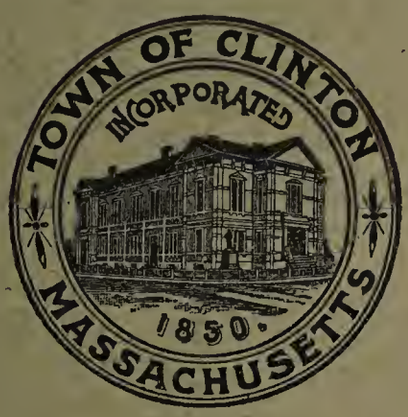

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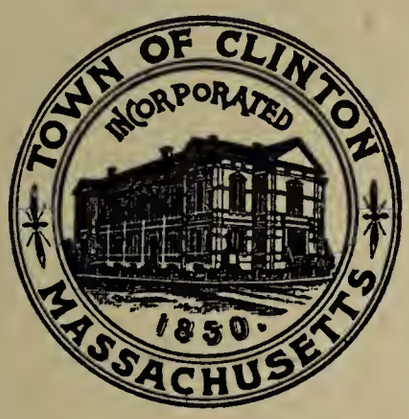

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LIBRARY—1905.

DIRECTORS.

Henry N. Bigelow,
Andrew E. Ford,
James C. Duncan,
Christopher C. Stone,
Neil Walker,
Harry D. Carter.

LIBRARIAN.

Charlotte L. Greene.

First Assistant,

Helen A. Thissell.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN:

Teresa R. Dervin.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS:

Annie M. Coulter, Substitute.
Louise H. Frost.
Hazel A. Lasselle, Substitute
Alice G. OMalley, Substitute.
Charlotte E. Pratt.
Lucy H. Shaw, Substitute

Edward F. Riley, Janitor.

LIBRARY HOURS:

Circulating Department, main library,	Week days, 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.
Children's Room,	Week days, 3 to 6 P.M.
Art Room,	Week days, 3 to 6 P.M.
Reading Rooms	Week days, 9 A.M. to 9 P.M. Sundays, 2 to 6 P. M. (November—April.)

REPORT.

The Directors of the Bigelow Free Public Library present to the town the reports of their Secretary and Librarian as a part of their Thirty-second Annual Report for the year ending January 31, 1906:

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Directors of the Bigelow Free Public Library of the Town of Clinton.

GENTLEMEN:

Your secretary presents the following statement as his thirty-second annual report:

Amount appropriated by the town for the use of the library:

Cash, including dog tax - - - - - - -	$5,500 00

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Amount paid general expenses, viz:		
Salaries:		
Charlotte L. Greene, librarian, - - -	$550 00	
Helen A. Thissell, assistant librarian, -	400 00	
Theresa R. Dervin, " " -	350 00	
Lena G. Phelps, " " -	262 53	
Lucy H. Shaw, special assistant, - -	12 90	
Charlotte E. Pratt, special assistant, -	36 01	
Louise H. Frost, special assistant, - -	21 83	
Edward F. Riley, janitor, - - -	800 00–	$2,433 27
Clinton Gas Light Co., lighting and lamps, -		495 30
Charles Frazer & Son, coal, - - - -		216 10
E. L. Johnson, binding and repairing books, -		364 71

Charlotte L. Greene, paid express, postage, etc.,		48 75
E. F. Riley, paid painting and other labor -		17 30
N. E. Telephone & Telegraph Co., telephone,		45 50
Price, Lee & Co., directory, - - - -		2 00
H. A. Burdett, toilet articles, - - - -		7 50
W. M. Lee, door spring, - - - - -		90
H. W. Wilson & Co., Guide to Literature, -		15 00
F. W. Morrill, newspapers, - - - -		67 49
" stationery, - - - -		17 20
W. J. Coulter, printing, cards, etc., - - -		152 41
Clinton Water Department, water, - -		11 59
John Hamilton, carting, - - - - - -		10 75
E. O. Pratt, ladder, paint, etc., - - -		31 46
Lucius Field, furniture, - - - - -		14 74
Charles E. Shaw, Town Treasurer, curbing for sidewalks, - - - - - - - -		154 58
L. F. Whitney, clock, - - - - -		13 50
E. F. Hall, curtains, - - - - - -		15 20
N. L. Howe, key sockets, - - - -		1 65
Warren Bros., concrete, - - - - -		27 58
Clinton Foundry Co., castings and labor, -		75
Clinton Daily Item, advertising, - - -		1 60
E. W. Breed, shrubs, labor, etc., - - -		23 65
A. W. Wiesman, cloth, etc., - - - -		1 60
O'Toole Bros., repair of gutter on roof, -		83 10
Creeron Bros., " " stone posts, . - -		8 00
Library Bureau, cards, etc., - - - -		24 60
Eureka Steam Laundry, washing, - - -		1 70
		$4,309 48
Amount paid new books and periodicals :		
John D. Morris & Co., new books, - - -	$28 12	
B. F. Buck & Co., new books, - - -	4 35	
International Reform Bureau, new book, - -	35	
A. S. Roe, new book, - - - - -	2 00	
Charles E. Lauriat Co., new books, - - -	1,016 96	
N. F. Bartlett, new books, - - - -	7 42	
F. W. Morrill, periodicals, - - - -	130 40	
		$1,189 60
Total expenditure from appropriation, - - -		$5,499 08
Unexpended balance, - - - - -		92
		$5,500 00

Amount received from fines, town histories, memorial volumes, old papers, and fence :		
Cash received from fines, - - - - - - -	$128 96	
" " " 2 town histories, - - -	2 00	
" " " 1 memorial volume, - - -	1 00	
" " " old papers, - - - -	1 80	
" " " fence, - - - - -	5 00	
		$138 76

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Amount paid town treasurer from fines, town histories, etc...	$138 76

Expended through the trustees of the Weeks' Fund:		
For scientific and practical works, - - -	$576 88	
Books for children's room, - - - -	131 67	
Total expenditure, - - - - - - -		$708 55

[See report of Trustees of Weeks Funds.]

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. E. FORD, *Secretary Board of Directors.*

January 31, 1906.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Directors of the Bigelow Free Public Library:

GENTLEMEN :—The thirty-second report of the librarian, for the year ending January 31, 1906, is herewith presented :

ACCESSIONS.

Number of volumes as last reported		27,572
Increase by purchase (Town appropriation)	815	
" Weeks fund*	293	
" gift	361	
" binding periodicals and pamphlets	99	1,568
		29,140
Decrease, by volumes withdrawn (worn out)	26	
" " " (given Clinton Hist. Soc.)	6	
" missing	3	35
Estimated number of volumes		29,105
Number of pamphlets given		354
" periodicals and newspapers subscribed for (Town appropriation)	55	
Number of periodicals subscribed for (Weeks funds)	20	
" periodicals given	5	80

* The early closing of the accounts of the trustees of the Weeks funds last year brought the payment on to the account of the present year, of books entered in the last report.

MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS.

Days delivery departments were open:		
Main library (twelve hours)	.....	306
Children's room (three hours)	.....	306
Sundays reading rooms were open (Nov.-Apr.)	.....	26
Average Sunday attendance	.....	34
Largest monthly circulation:		
Main library (March, 1905)	.....	3,524
Children's room (March, 1905)	.....	1,804
Largest daily circulation:		
Main library (February 11, 1905)	.....	287
Children's room (February 13, 1905)	.....	108
Books missing:		
Main library	1	
Children's room	2	3
Books lost or injured and replaced by borrower		1
Books worn out and replaced by library		25
Books repaired and rebound at bindery	.....	1,171
Persons fined for injuring books	.....	13
Overdue book postals mailed:		
Main library	2,552	
Children's room	590	3,142
Overdue books sent for by officer	.....	4
Reserve book postals mailed (three months)	.....	136
Town histories sold	.....	2
Clinton memorial volumes sold	.....	1
Names registered during the year:		
Main library	258	
Children's room	184	442
Names since new registry (Sept. 1, 1903.)		
Main library,	1,819	
Children's room	1,241	
	3,060	
Decrease by transfers from children's room to main library	92	
Total registration	.....	2,968

CLASSIFICATION.

	Purchase including Weeks Funds.	Circulation,	
	No. vols.	No. vols.	Per cent.
1. Fiction	338	28,414	58.8
2. Description and Travel	57	712	1.5
3. History	86	996	2.1
4. Religion, (including ecclesiastical history)	39	271	.6
5. Useful arts	51	757	1.6
6. Fine arts	53	672	1.4
7. Natural science	35	606	1.2
8. Social science	46	335	.7
9. Education	33	261	.5
10. Literature	58	391	.8
11. Miscellanies, (including periodicals, essays, etc.)	66	1,178	2.4
12. Juvenile books, (Children's room)	246	13,759	28.4
Total	1,108	48,352	100.0

MONTHLY CIRCULATION.

	Main Library	Children's Room.	Totals.
February	3,439	1,728	5,167
March	3,524	1,804	5,328
April	2,904	1,178	4,082
May	2,825	926	3,751
June	2,522	710	3,232
July	2,587	652	3,239
August	2,614	727	3,341
September	2,663	796	3,459
October	2,761	1,129	3,890
November	2,866	1,410	4,276
December	2,796	1,200	3,996
January	3,092	1,499	4,591
Total	34,593	13,759	48,352

COMPARATIVE CIRCULATION FOR TEN YEARS.

1896–97	45,806
1897–98	46,708
1898–99	43,544
1899–1900	50,417
1900–01	47,932
1901–02	45,499
1902–03	40,190
1903–04	43,374
1904–05	54,347
1905–06	48,352

* LIBRARY ART CLUB EXHIBITS.

1905–1906		No. of Photographs.
Feb. 1–20.	Grand canyon of Arizona	75
Feb. 21–Mar. 13.	Newfoundland	50
Mar. 27.–Apr. 17.	Florence No. 3	101
Apr. 17–May 8.	125 birds of New England	79
May 23–June 12.	Florence No. 4	97
June 13–July 2.	Venice No. 4	75
July 10–24.	Boston and Maine views of N. E. scenery	100
Aug. 1.–21.	Rome No. 2: pt. I	42
Aug. 22-Sept. 11.	Rome No. 2: pt. II	56
Sept. 11–Oct. 2.	Elson prints	72
Oct. 10–30.	England, the lake district	104
Oct. 31–Nov. 20.	Assisi	58
Nov. 21–Dec. 11.	Amsterdam and North Holland	122
Dec. 12–Jan. 1.	Representative art of our time	52
Jan. 2–22.	Development of art in Italy: pt. I	108
Jan. 22–Feb. 12.	Development of art in Italy: pt. II	109

MISCELLANEOUS EXHIBITS.

Apr.	Mr. O. F. Adler's oil paintings.
Sept.–Jan.	Mr. W. B. Closson's oil paintings and pastels.

* Subscription, the gift of A. E. Ford.

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY.

NAMES.	Vols.	Pamphs.	Periodicals and misc. gifts.
United States—Bureaus.			
Census	14	8	
Education	2		
Fisheries	5		
Mint	20		
Commissions:			
Interstate commerce	1		
Departments:			
Agriculture	3	18	
Interior	....	106	
War	11		
Coast and geodetic survey	1		
Library of congress	8	3	
Patent office (courtesy of Hon. C. Q. Tirrell	....	.....	52 nos.
Superintendent of documents	1		
Smithsonian institution	7	6	
Massachusetts:			
Civic league	....	1	
Electoral college	....	1	
Free public library commission	....	1	
Geological and natural history survey	....	2	
Secretary of state office	29		
State board of charity	....	1	
Trustees of public reservations	....	1	
Societies and Organizations:			
American library association	....	6	
Bay state historical league	....	1	
Christian register association	....	.....	52 nos.
Clinton historical society	1		
Detroit bar association	....	1	
Hospital cottage woman's board	....	.....	4 nos.
Indian rights association, Philadelphia, Pa	....	2	
Lake Mohonk arbitration conference	....	1	
Lewis and Clark exposition, Portland, Oregon	....	1	
Massachusetts single tax league	....	1	
Merchants' association of New York	....	2	
Pennsylvania prison society	....	1	
Photographers' association of America	....	1	
Policy-holders' protective committee	....	1	
St. Louis mercantile association	....	1	
Society for prevention of premature burial	....	1	
Universal peace congress	....	1	

NAMES.	Vols.	Pamphs.	Periodicals and misc. gifts.
Societies and Organizations—continued:			
Worcester board of trade	....	.....	12 nos.
Y. M. C. A. of Mass. and R. I.	....	1	
Educational institutions:			
Brown university, Providence, R. I.	....	1	
Drexel institute library school, Philadelphia, Pa.	....	1	
Harvard college, Cambridge	....	1	
Harvard university, Cambridge	1	1	
Mass. institute of technology, Boston	....	1	
Mass. state normal school, Worcester	....	1	
Perkins institution for the blind, Boston	....	3	
Textile school, New Bedford	....	1	
Worcester polytechnic institute	....	2	
Libraries—*Reports and Bulletins:*			
Arlington (Robbins)	....	1	
Baltimore, Md. (Enoch Pratt)	....	1	
Boston (public)	....	1	
Boston (state)	....	1	
Cambridge	....	1	
Chelsea (Fitz)	....	1	
Chicago, Ill.	....	5	
Concord	....	1	
Erie, Pa.	....	1	
Everett (Shute memorial)	....	1	
Fall River	....	3	
Fitchburg	....	6	
Grand Rapids, Mich.	....	1	
Groton	...	2	
Hartford, Conn. (State)	....	3	
Haverhill	....	5	
Helena, Montana	....	1	
Hyde Park	....	2	
Lancaster	....	1	
Lawrence	....	1	
Leominster	....	1	
Littleton (Reuben Hoar)	....	1	
Lynn	....	1	
Malden	....	1	
Manchester, N. H.	....	1	
Marlborough	....	2	
Natick (Morse institute)	....	1	
New Bedford	....	3	
Newton	....	1	

NAMES.	Vols.	Pamphs.	Periodicals and misc. gifts.
Libraries—continued:			
Northampton (Forbes)	....	2	
Philadelphia, Pa. (Free)	....	2	
Providence, R. I.	....	1	
Salem	....	1	
Scranton, Pa.	....	1	
Syracuse, N. Y.	....	1	
Taunton	....	1	
University of Michigan (General)	....	1	
Westborough	....	1	
Weston	....	1	
Woburn	....	1	
Worcester	....	10	
Towns, Individals and Firms:			
Bigelow, H. N.	215	80	1 portrait 1 engrav'g
Bigelow, Miss R.	....	4	1 cast
Boston, City of	11	4	
Boyden, Mrs. C. M., Chicago, Ill.	1		
Clinton, Town of	....	1	
Coulter, W. J. (Clinton courant)	....	.....	52 nos.
Dodd, Mead & Co.	....	1	
Draper Co., Hopedale	2		
Field, Hon. L.	1		
Greenewalt, M. H.. Philadelphia, Pa.	....	1	
Lee & Shepard, Boston	1		
McFaul, A. D.	1		
Marshall, W. I., Chicago, Ill.	1		
Medford Mercury, Medford	....	1	
Melcher, Mrs. E. S. and Stevens, Rev. C. E., Brooklyn, N. Y.	1		
Miner, Mrs. E.	1		
Newcomb, H. T., Washington, D. C.	....	1	
Rogers, A. L., Branford, Conn.	1		
Scott, W. D., Ottawa, Canada	....	1	
Sprague, H. B., Newton	....	1	
Tirrell, Hon. C. Q., Natick	....	1	
Walker, Missses L. E. and F. P.	21		
Welcome, H. S., London, Eng.	....	2	Nos. Telegram, Sunday and daily, 1905.
Worcester Telegram Co.	....	....	
	361	354	

PERIODICALS AND NEWSPAPERS.

MAIN LIBRARY.

WEEKLIES.

American machinist.
*Christian register.
*Clinton courant.
Education, Journal of.
Electrical world.
Fibre and fabric.
Harper's weekly.
Leslie's weekly.
Life.
Literary digest.
Living age.
Nation.
Outlook.
*Patent office official gazette.
Public opinion.
Publishers' weekly.
Science.
Scientific American.
Scientific Amer. supplement.
Searchlight.
Youth's companion.

MONTHLIES AND QUARTERLIES.

American homes and gardens.
Am. monthly review of reviews.
Atlantic monthly.
Bookman.
Brickbuilder.
Century.
Cosmopolitan.
Country life in America.
Critic.
Delineator.
Engineering magazine.
Everybody's magazine.
Forum.
Good government.
Good housekeeping.
Harper's bazar.
Harper's monthly.
*Hospital Cottage friend.
Indoors and out.
International quarterly.
International studio.
Ladies' home journal.
Library journal.
McClure's magazine.
Masters in art.
New England magazine.
North American review.
Popular science monthly.
Public libraries.
Readers' guide to periodical literature.
St. Nicholas.
School arts book.
Scribner's magazine.
Success.
Textile world record.
Uber Land und Meer.
*Worcester magazine.
World's work.

CHILDREN'S ROOM.

Amateur work.
Birds and nature.
Little folks.
Our animal friends.
Our dumb animals.
St. Nicholas.
Youth's companion.

NEWSPAPER ROOM.

Boston daily advertiser.
Boston daily globe.
Boston evening record.
Boston evening transcript.
Boston herald.
Boston journal.
Boston post.
Clinton daily item.
Collier's weekly.
New York evening post.
Saturday evening post.
Springfield republican.
Sun.
Worcester telegram.

*Gift.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLOTTE L. GREENE, *Librarian.*

CLINTON, MASS., Jan. 31, 1906.

The close of another year finds every department of our library in excellent working order. The general reading room, the children's and newspaper rooms, are well patronized, and with the faithful coöperation of our experienced librarian and her corps of efficient assistants, the Directors feel that the work of catering to the reading public is carried on with a large degree of success.

The card service system, which has lately been introduced, seems to have given general satisfaction to those availing themselves of it. It enables readers to secure more promptly any special book desired for immediate reading. There is an ever-increasing demand for works of fiction, and while the Directors would be glad to note a greater call for books of a different character, they have placed upon the shelves this year a larger number of novels than ever before, appreciating the fact that in every community of busy people there must be many who read chiefly for recreation and amusement.

One who visits the library often has ample proof that opportunities for study and research are well improved, and in this line of work the librarian and her assistants render practical service.

Collections of photographs, paintings, and other pictures have from time to time been displayed in the art room, and have been viewed with interest and appreciation by a large number of people.

By the removal from town of Mr. Henry N. Bigelow and his consequent resignation from the Board of Directors, the library loses a life-long friend, identified with it from its earliest days, and in recent years prominently so. Mr. Bigelow has given much time to consideration of the needs of the library and the methods of increasing its efficiency. His presence and counsel are greatly missed by the Directors. Mr. Bigelow has generously presented to the library his picture, which has been placed upon the walls of the reading room, also 216 bound volumes, a large number of pamphlets, and other articles.

The Directors invite the citizens of the town to contribute books, pictures, and other articles suitable to be placed in the art room.

It has been necessary to spend quite a sum of money during the past year for sidewalk curbing and repairs upon the building. This year the fence around the grounds will need painting, and additional shelving in the children's room and the stock room should be provided; but in the interest of economy we will ask for an appropriation of only $5,200 for the support of the library the ensuing year.

C. C. STONE,
J. C. DUNCAN,
N. WALKER,
H. D. CARTER,
A. E. FORD,
Directors.

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LIBRARY—1906-1907

DIRECTORS.

James C. Duncan. Christopher C. Stone.
Neil Walker. Harry D. Carter.
W. I. Jenkins.

LIBRARIAN.
Charlotte L. Greene.

First Assistant,
Helen A. Thissell.

Second Assistant,
Louise H. Frost.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN:
Teresa R. Dervin.

SUBSTITUTES.

Annie M. Coulter. Alice G. OMalley.
Hazel A. Lasselle. Charlotte E. Pratt.
Lena G. Phelps. Lucy H. Shaw.

Edward F. Riley, Janitor.

LIBRARY HOURS:

Circulating Department, main library,	Week days, 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.
Children's Room,	Week days, 3 to 6 P.M.
Art Room,	Week days, 3 to 6 P.M.
Reading Rooms	Week days, 9 A.M. to 9 P.M. Sundays, 2 to 6 P. M. (November—April.)

REPORT

The Directors of the Bigelow Free Public Library present to the town the reports of their Secretary and Librarian as a part of their Thirty-third Annual Report for the year ending January 31, 1907:

SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the Directors of Bigelow Free Public Library of the Town of Clinton.

GENTLEMEN:

Your secretary presents the following statement as his thirty-third annual report :

Annual appropriation by the town for the use of the library :

Cash, including dog tax		$5,200 00

CONTRA CR.

Amount paid in general expenses, viz :		
Salaries :		
Charlotte L. Greene, librarian	$550 00	
Helen A. Thissell, assistant librarian	400 00	
Teresa Dervin, " "	372 92	
Louise H. Frost, " "	176 04	
Charlotte E. Pratt, special assistant	118 99	
Edward F. Riley, janitor	800 00—	$2,417 95
E. F. Riley, janitor, paid shovelling and extra work		9 60
Lucius Field & Co., rubber chair tips		75
Wallace & Stowers, towels, etc		4 86
Eureka Steam Laundry, washing		1 52
M. I. Flagg, lamps, etc		30 88
A. O. Perham, carpenter work		17 59
H. W. Wilson & Co., guide to periodicals		6 00
Clinton Gas Light Co., lighting and lamps		457 26
Charles Frazer & Son, coal		335 00
E. L. Johnson, binding and repairing books		332 05
Charlotte L. Greene, paid express, postage, etc		36 47
N. E. Telegraph and Telephone Co., telephone		36 05
F. W. Morrill, newspapers		71 30
F. W. Morrill, stationery		20 34
W. J. Coulter, printing, cards, etc		132 17
John Hamilton, carting		10 01

Clinton Water Department, water		$9 96
W. A. Fuller, cutting boards		2 50
Price & Lee Co., directory		2 00
Library Bureau, cards, shelves, etc		17 20
O'Toole Bros., repairing roof, etc		5 63
Mrs. N. A. Herrick, cleaning books		17 00
E. W. Breed, care of bay trees		5 00
J. F. Murphy, cheese cloth		1 28
G. A. Barnard, mason work		2 69
Clinton Daily Item, advertising		2 82
P. F. Finnerty, clock cord, etc		80
E. J. Scanlon & Co., painting fence, etc		8 45
E. P. Thurston, Library art club assessment		6 00
E. O. Pratt, hardware		15 23
F. F. Russell, bulletin board		4 00
W. M. Lee, brushes, etc		6 39
Amount paid new books and periodicals :		
Charles E. Lauriat Co., new books	$1,066 15	
Harper & Bros., " "	11 00	
F. W. Morrill, periodicals	95 85—	$1,173 00
Total expenditure from appropriation		$5,199 75
Unexpended balance		25
		$5,200 00
Amount received from fines, town histories, memorial volume:		
Cash received from fines	$133 79	
" " two town histories	2 00	
" " one memorial volume	1 00—	$136 79

CONTRA CR.

Amount paid town treasurer for fines, etc		$136 79
Expended through the trustees of the Weeks' Fund:		
Scientific and practical works	$283 57	
Books for children's room	87 57	
Total expenditure		$371 14

[See report of Trustees of Weeks Funds.]

All of which is respectfully submitted,

NEIL WALKER, *Secretary Board of Directors.*

January 31, 1907.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Directors of the Bigelow Free Public Library:

GENTLEMEN:— The thirty-third report of the librarian, for the year ending January 31, 1907, is herewith presented:

ACCESSIONS.

Estimated number of volumes in the Library, Feb. 1, 1906		29,105
Increase by purchase (Town appropriation)	845	
" Weeks funds	216	
" gift	100	
" bound periodicals	84	
Missing books found since last report	2	
Total additions		1,247
		30,352
Withdrawn, as worn out	49	
" missing	2	
Total withdrawals		51
Estimated number of volumes in the Library, Feb. 1, 1907		30,301
Number of pamphlets given		324
" periodicals and newspapers subscribed for (Town appropriation)	55	
Number of periodicals subscribed for (Weeks funds)	21	
" periodicals given	4	
Total number periodicals		80

MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS.

Number of days delivery departments were open:		
Main library (twelve hours)	.....	306
Children's room (three hours)	.....	306
No. of Sundays reading rooms were open (Nov.-Apr.)	.....	26
Average Sunday attendance	.....	29
Largest monthly circulation:		
Main library (Jan., 1907)	.....	3,493
Children's room (March, 1906)	.....	1,626
Largest daily circulation:		
Main library (February 10, 1906)	.....	285
Children's room (March 5, 1906)	.....	126
Books missing:		
Main library	2	
Children's room	0	2
Books lost or injured and replaced by borrower		4
Books worn out and replaced by library		49
Books repaired and rebound at bindery	.....	1,045
Persons fined for injuring books	.....	18
Overdue book postals mailed:		
Main library	2,468	
Children's room	609	3,077
Overdue books sent for by officer	.....	2
Reserve-book postals mailed	.....	343
Town histories sold	.....	2
Clinton memorial volumes sold	.....	1
Names registered during the year:		
Main library	262	
Children's room	184	
	446	
Decrease by transfers from children's room to main library	68	
Total registration during the year	.....	378

CLASSIFICATION.

	Purchase including Weeks Funds.	Circulation,	
	No. vols.	No. vols.	Per cent.
1. Fiction	352	28,569	61.3
2. Description and Travel	69	581	1.2
3. History	82	761	1.6
4. Religion, (including ecclesiastical history)	50	204	.4
5. Useful and Industrial arts	47	614	1.4
6. Fine arts	50	602	1.3
7. Natural science	35	466	1.
8. Social science	54	316	.6
9. Education	20	217	.5
10. Literature	38	344	.7
11. Miscellanies, (including periodicals, essays, etc.)	43	1,030	2.3
12. Juvenile books, (Children's room)	221	12,921	27.7
Total	1,061	46,625	100.0

MONTHLY CIRCULATION.

	Main Library	Children's Room.	Totals.
February	2,910	1,286	4,196
March	3,234	1,626	4,860
April	2,655	1,231	3,886
May	2,615	887	3,502
June	2,637	925	3,562
July	2,500	632	3,132
August	2,562	566	3,128
September	2,646	662	3,308
October	2,801	1,067	3,868
November	2,817	1,368	4,185
December	2,834	1,207	4,041
January	3,493	1,464	4,957
Total	33,704	12,921	46,625

COMPARATIVE CIRCULATION FOR TEN YEARS.

1897–98	46,708
1898–99	43,544
1899–1900	50,417
1900–01	47,932
1901–02	45,499
1902–03	40,190
1903–04	43,374
1904–05	54,347
1905–06	48,352
1906–07	46,625

LIBRARY ART CLUB EXHIBITS.

1906–1907		No. of Photographs.
Feb. 15–Mar. 5.	Venice No. 1: Early Venice	83
Mar. 20–Apr. 2.	Perugia	84
Apr. 10–May 1.	Denver and Rio Grande railroad	12
May 1–May 21.	Sicily	122
May 22–June 11.	Canterbury	79
June 12–July 2.	Paris No. 2	108
July 17–Aug. 6.	Canada's scenic gems	77
Aug. 7–Aug. 27.	Venice No. 4	76
Aug. 28–Sept. 17.	China	83
Sept. 18–Oct. 8.	Florence No. 1	55
Oct. 30–Nov. 19.	Old Boston	109
Nov. 20–Dec. 10.	Velasquez	94
Dec. 11–Dec. 31.	Famous pictures. No. 3	34
Jan. 15–Feb. 11,'07.	Hawaii	83

SPECIAL ART EXHIBIT.

Apr. 1–May 15.	Mr. A. H. Clark's oil paintings and pastels.

PERIODICALS AND NEWSPAPERS.

MAIN LIBRARY.

WEEKLIES.

American machinist.
*Christian register.
*Clinton courant.
Education, Journal of.
Electrical world.
Fibre and fabric.
Harper's weekly.
Independent.
Leslie's weekly.
Life.
Literary digest.
Living age.
Nation.
Outlook.
*Patent office official gazette.
Publishers' weekly.
Science.
Scientific American.
Scientific Amer. supplement.
Youth's companion.

MONTHLIES AND QUARTERLIES.

American homes and gardens.
American magazine.
Am. monthly review of reviews.
Atlantic monthly.
Bookman.
Brickbuilder.
Century.
Cosmopolitan.
Country life in America.
Delineator.
Engineering magazine.
Everybody's magazine.
Forum.
Good government.
Good housekeeping.
Harper's bazar.
Harper's monthly.
Indoors and out.
International studio.
Ladies' home journal.
Library journal.
McClure's magazine.
Masters in art.
Musician.
New England magazine.
Nineteenth century.
North American review.
Popular science monthly.
Public libraries.
Putnam's monthly.
Readers' guide to periodical literature.
St. Nicholas.
School arts book.
Scribner's magazine.
Success.
Textile world record.
Uber Land und Meer.
*Worcester magazine.
World's work.

CHILDREN'S ROOM.

Amateur work.
American boy.
Birds and nature.
Little folks.
Our dumb animals.
St. Nicholas.
Youth's companion.

NEWSPAPER ROOM.

Boston daily advertiser.
Boston daily globe.
Boston evening record.
Boston evening transcript.
Boston herald.
Boston journal.
Boston post.
Clinton daily item.
Collier's weekly.
Evening post.
Saturday evening post.
Springfield republican.
Sun.
Worcester telegram. (2 copies)

SUNDAY NEWSPAPERS—(NOV. TO APR.)

Springfield republican.
Sun.
Sunday globe.
Sunday herald.
Sunday telegram.

*Gift.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLOTTE L. GREENE, *Librarian.*

CLINTON, MASS., Jan. 31, 1907.

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY

NAMES.	B'nd vols.	P'mphs	Separate periodicals and misc. gifts.
United States—Bureaus:			
Census	7	36	
Education	2		
Indian affairs	3		
Commissions:			
Interstate commerce	6		
Departments:			
Agriculture	1	29	
Interior	3	50	
War	....	34	
General land office	1		
Library of congress	7	20	
Patent office (courtesy of Hon. C. Q. Tirrell) (Official gazette)	....	.....	52 nos.
Smithsonian institution	2	5	
Massachusetts:			
Bureau of statistics of labor	....	2	
Civic league	....	1	
Free public library commission	....	2	
Secretary of state office	32		
State board of agriculture	....	1	
State board of charity	....	1	
State forest service	....	8	
Trustees of public reservations	....	1	
New Zealand:			
Government tourist department	1	5	
Societies and Organizations:			
American Library association, Boston. (A.L.A. booklist.)	....	.....	8 nos.
American Swedenborg printing and publishing society, New York City	21		
Boston association for the relief of tuberculosis, Boston	....	1	
Christian register association, Boston (Christian register)	....	.....	52 nos.
Clinton hospital association	....		
Indian rights association, Philadelphia, Pa.	....	1	
Lake Mohonk, N.Y., arbitration conference	....	1	
Library copyright league	....	3	
Merchants' association, New York City	....	1	
N. Y. Chamber of commerce, New Yory City	1	6	
N. Y. Co-operative society, New York City	1		
St. Louis mercantile association	....	1	

NAMES.	B'nd vols.	P'mphs	Separate periodicals and misc gifts.
Societies and Organizations—continued:			
Soc. for the protection of native plants, Boston	....	8	
Soldiers' home trustees, Chelsea	....	1	
Towle manufacturing company, Newburyport	....	1	
Woman's auxiliary, Mass. civil service reform association, Boston	....	11	
Woman's education association, Boston	....	1	
Worcester board of trade, Worcester (Worcester magazine)	....	.....	12 nos.
Educational Institutions:			
College of dental and oral surgery, N. Y. City	....	1	
Harvard university, Cambridge	2		
Mass institute of technology, Boston	....	1	
Mass. state normal school, Worcester	....	1	
Perkins institution for the blind, Boston	....	1	
Still college, Des Moines, Iowa	....	1	
Textile school, New Bedford	....	1	
University of Colorado, Boulder, Colo	....	1	
Worcester polytechnic institute, Worcester	....	1	
Libraries—*Reports and Bulletins:*			
Arlington (Robbins)	....	1	
Baltimore, Md. (Enoch Pratt)	....	1	
Boston (Public)	....	2	
Brimfield	....	1	
Chelsea (Fitz)	....	1	
Chicago, Ill	....	2	
Cincinnati, Ohio	....	1	
Concord	....	2	
Fall River	....	1	
Fitchburg	....	4	
Grand Rapids, Mich	....	1	
Groton	....	1	
Haverhill	....	4	
Helena, Montana	..	1	
Hyde Park	....	5	
Lancaster	....	1	
Lawrence	....	1	
Leominster	....	1	
Littleton (Reuben Hoar)	...	1	
Lynn	....	1	
Malden	....	1	
Manchester, N. H.	....	1	
Marlborough	....	1	

NAMES.	B'nd vols.	P'mphs	Separate periodicals and misc. gifts.
Libraries—continued:			
Melrose	....	1	
Natick (Morse institute)	....	1	
New Bedford	....	4	
Newton	....	1	
Northampton (Forbes)	....	1	
Oxford	....	1	
Passadena, Cal.	....	2	
Philadelphia, Pa. (Free)	....	1	
Providence, R. I.	....	2	
Salem	....	1	
Scranton, Pa.	....	2	
Syracuse, N. Y.	....	1	
Taunton	....	1	
Waterbury, Conn. (Bronson)	....	1	
Westborough	....	1	
Weston	....	2	
Woburn	....	1	
Worcester	....	8	
Worcester county (Law)	....	1	
Towns, Individuals and Firms:			
Atlas Portland cement Co., New York City	....	1	
Balch, E. S., Philadelphia, Pa	1		
Brown, J. L., Berckley, Cal	....	1	
Burrows Brothers Co., Cleveland, Ohio	...	1	
Carnegie, A., New York City	....	1	
Clinton, Town of	....	3	
Closson, W. B., New York City	....	.....	1 portrait.
Coulter, W., J. (Clinton Courant)	....	.....	52 nos.
Dame, A. E.	1		
Dodd, Mead & Co., New York City	....	1	
Fisher, J., Fitchburg	....	2	
Ginn & Co., Boston	...	1	
Martin, H. D.	2		
Morse, Mrs. M. F., South Lancaster	....	.....	1 portrait.
Municipal Publishing Co., New York City	....	1	
N. E. Telephone and Telegraph Co.	....	2	
Pitman, J. & Sons, New York City	1		
Seattle Post Intelligencer, Seattle, Wash.	....	1	
Strickler, W. M., Colorado Springs, Colo.	1		
Superintendent of immigration, Ottawa. Can.	....	1	
Weeks, G. W. (bequest)	4		
Worcester Telegram Co., Worcester (Telegram.)	...	....	D'ly & Sun. nos. for 1906
	100	324	

The Library has been well patronized during the past year considering the loss of population which the town has sustained. Among the number removed from town have been many who were constant readers of the better class of books. It is gratifying to note the increasing use of the library for study and reference by teachers and students, and it is sincerely hoped that each succeeding year will find a larger proportion of our people appreciating the advantages offered by our library in this direction.

The Directors have placed upon the shelves during the year, as far as their funds would allow, the books which in their judgment were best fitted to meet the wants of this community. The field to select from is very large and requires careful consideration, but the friends of the library must remember that the amount of money appropriated for the purchase of books is very small for a town of 13,000 inhabitants.

The directors realize that the library has met with an almost irreparable loss in the death of Mr. Andrew E. Ford. He had been connected with the library so long as Librarian or Director that he knew the quality and value of every book upon its shelves, and his wide acquaintance with literary people made his judgment of books of the greatest value. He was a student as well as a teacher, and spent many hours in the library adding to his own store of knowledge and seeking means for making the library of greater service to the community.

By removal from town the library loses another of its Directors, Mr. Harry D. Carter, who has been an interested and faithful member of the board and one whom the Directors regret to lose.

Pictures of Mr. Franklin Forbes and Dr. George M. Morse have been presented to the library during the past year and find a fitting place upon the walls of the institution whose records show the long and honorable service rendered by these two eminent citizens.

This report would not be complete without allusion to

Mr. Henry N. Bigelow, whose death occurred so recently. His name was intimately associated with the Bigelow Free Public Library from the time of its organization until his removal from town in the fall of 1905.

The Directors bear grateful testimony to the valuable service Mr. Bigelow rendered as a Director and Chairman of the board. The library holds many evidences of his generosity and good will towards the institution which had been the special object of his public interest during his later years.

The Directors would renew their invitation to the citizens to contribute pictures. books and works of art for the library and art room.

The Directors ask that the sum of $5,500 be appropriated for the maintenance and increase of the library for the ensuing year.

C. C. STONE,
J. C. DUNCAN,
W. I. JENKINS,
Directors.

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Library School

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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BIGELOW FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

OF THE

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For the Year ending January 31, 1908.

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LIBRARY—1907-1908

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G. A. Brown. G. Krauss.

LIBRARIAN.

Charlotte L. Greene.

First Assistant,
Helen A. Thissell.

Second Assistant,
Lena G. Phelps.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN:
Louise H. Frost.

SUBSTITUTES.

Annie M. Coulter. Catherine S. Field.
Evelyn M. Fox.

Edward F. Riley, Janitor.

LIBRARY HOURS:

Circulating Department, main library,	Week days, 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.
Children's Room,	Week days, 3 to 6 P.M.
Art Room,	Week days, 3 to 6 P.M.
Reading Rooms	Week days, 9 A.M. to 9 P.M. Sundays, 2 to 6 P. M. (November—April.)

*Deccased Oct. 21, 1907.

REPORT

The Directors of the Bigelow Free Public Library present to the town the reports of their Secretary and Librarian as a part of the Thirty-fourth Annual Report for the year ending January 31, 1908:

SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the Directors of Bigelow Free Public Library of the Town of Clinton.

GENTLEMEN:

The thirty-fourth annual report of the secretary for the year ending January 31, 1908, is herewith presented :

ANNUAL APPROPRIATION.

Cash, including dog tax		$5,500 00

SALARY ACCOUNT.

C. L. Greene, librarian	$550 00	
H. A. Thissell, 1st assistant librarian	425 00	
L. G. Phelps. 2d " " (Aug.-Jan.)	175 00	
L. H. Frost, " " " (Feb.-July). L. H. Frost, children's librarian (Aug.-Jan.)	337 50	
T. R. Dervin, " " (Feb.-July)	187 50	
C. S. Field, assistant children's room	16 94	
E. M. Fox, " " "	14 03	
E. F. Riley, janitor	800 00	
C. Carvill, assistant janitor	31 20	
		$2,537 17

BOOK AND PERIODICAL ACCOUNT.

C. E. Lauriat & Co., new books	$1,112 86	
H. W. Wilson & Co., " "	31 00	
C. J. Sawyer, London, " "	14 52	
F. W. Morrill, periodicals	117 10	
		1,275 48

Miscellaneous expenses.

E. F. Riley, janitor, paid shovelling and extra work,	15 05	
C. L. Greene, paid express, postage, etc.	31 17	
E. L. Johnson, binding and repairing books	348 52	
Clinton Gas Light Co., electric lighting	403 72	
Price & Lee Co., directory	2 00	
Mrs. N. A. Herrick, cleaning books	18 80	
T, R. Derwin, pictures for bulletin, children's room,	64	
L. H. Frost, " " " "	75	
C. Frazer & Son, coal	265 20	
F. W. Morrill, newspapers	70 68	
F. W. Morrill, stationery	26 75	
W. J. Coulter, printing lists, cards, etc,	106 19	
Clinton Water Department, water	9 38	
J. Hamilton, carting ashes	5 90	
E. O. Pratt, hardware	12 16	
L. Field & Co., rubber chair tips	1 78	
N. L. Howe, electric tape, cord, etc.	2 00	
Clinton Daily Item. advertising.	12 15	
Cudahy Packing Co., old Dutch cleanser	6 75	
A. W. Weisman, cheesecloth	2 00	
E. F. Worcester Press, binding and repairing books,	72 30	
Remington Typewriter Co., typewriter	60 00	
O'Toole Bros., safety valve, etc.	17 22	
Library Bureau, cards	9 40	
Sampson & Murdock, N. E. directory	7 50	
Russell & Young, shelving	24 00	
Philbin Bros., coal	105 00	
N. E. Telegraph & Telephone Co., telephone	42 25	
E. P. Thurston, Library Art Club assessment	6 00	
Eureka Steam Laundry, washing towels	1 72	
		1,686 98
Total expenditure from appropriation		$5,499 63
Unexpended balance		37
		$5,500 00

Weeks Fund Account.

Expended through trustees of the Weeks' Fund:		
Practical and scientific books	$194 68	
" " periodicals	46 35	
Juvenile books (children's room)	149 80	
Periodicals, " "	6 50	
Total expenditure		$397 33

[See report of Trustees of Weeks Funds.]

FINE ACCOUNT.

Fines (main library)	$123 59	
" (children's room)	22 67	
Sale of one memorial volume	1 00	
" two town histories	2 00	
" old papers	4 25	
		$153 51

CONTRA CR.

Amount paid town treasurer for fines, etc	$153 51

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. DUNCAN, *Sec'y Board of Directors.*
J. SHEERIN, *Sec'y pro tem.*

Clinton, January 31, 1908.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Directors of the Bigelow Free Public Library:

GENTLEMEN :— The thirty-fourth report of the librarian, for the year ending January 31, 1908, is herewith presented :

ACCESSIONS.

Estimated number of volumes in the Library, Feb. 1, 1907		30,301
Increase by purchase (Town appropriation)	852	
" Weeks funds	244	
" gift	78	
" bound periodicals	143	
Total additions		1,317
		31,618
Withdrawn, as worn out	37	
" missing	1	
" not returned by borrower*	1	
Total withdrawals		39
Estimated number of volumes in the Library, Feb. 1, 1908		31,579
Number of pamphlets bought		4
" " given		346
" periodicals and newspapers subscribed for (Town appropriation)	68	
Number of periodicals subscribed for (Weeks funds)	21	
" periodicals given	7	
Total number periodicals and newspapers		96

*H. Schumann, who has left town and cannot be traced.

MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS.

Number of days delivery departments were open:		
Main library (twelve hours)	.....	306
Children's room (three hours)	.....	306
No. of Sundays reading rooms were open (Nov.-Apr.)	.....	26
Average Sunday attendance	.....	33
Largest monthly circulation:		
Main library (Jan., 1908)	.....	3,711
Children's room (Dec., 1907)	.....	2,359
Largest daily circulation:		
Main library (January 25, 1908)	.....	329
Children's room (December 2, 1907)	.....	174
Books missing:		
Main library	0	
Children's room	1	1
Books lost or injured and replaced by borrower	.....	4
Books not returned by borrowers (main library)	.....	1
Books worn out and replaced by library	.....	37
Books repaired and rebound at bindery	.....	1,393
Persons fined for injuring books	.....	19
Overdue book postals mailed:		
Main library	2,808	
Children's room	573	3,381
Overdue books sent for by officer	.....	1
Reserve-book postals mailed	.....	415
Town histories sold	.....	2
Clinton memorial volumes sold	.....	1
Names registered during the year:		
Main library	274	
Children's room	338	
	612	
Decrease by transfers from children's room to main library	73	
Total registration during the year	.....	539

CLASSIFICATION.

	Purchase including Weeks Funds.	Circulation,	
	No. vols.	No. vols.	Per cent.
1. Fiction	351	30,964	58.7
2. Description and Travel	76	571	1.1
3. History	117	756	1.4
4. Religion, (including ecclesiastical history)	44	229	.4
5. Useful and Industrial arts	50	691	1.3
6. Fine arts	51	590	1.1
7. Natural science	57	411	.8
8. Social science	54	443	.9
9. Education	17	77	.1
10. Literature	54	327	.6
11. Miscellanies, (including periodicals, essays, etc.)	30	1,060	2.0
12. Juvenile books, (Children's room)	195	16,688	31.6
Total	1,096	52,807	100.0

MONTHLY CIRCULATION.

	Main Library	Children's Room.	Totals.
February	3,028	1,517	4,545
March	3,269	1,558	4,827
April	2,807	1,228	4,035
May	2,759	972	3,731
June	2,479	781	3,260
July	2,673	617	3,290
August	2,690	636	3,326
September	2,804	954	3,758
October	3,213	1,621	4,834
November	3,388	2,127	5,515
December	3,298	2,359	5,657
January	3,711	2,318	6,029
Total	36,119	16,688	52,807

COMPARATIVE CIRCULATION FOR TEN YEARS.

1898–99	43,544
1899–1900	50,417
1900–01	47,932
1901–02	45,499
1902–03	40,190
1903–04	43,374
1904–05	54,347
1905–06	48,352
1906–07	46,625
1907–08	52,807

LIBRARY ART CLUB EXHIBITS.

1907–1908		No. of Photographs.
Feb. 11–26.	Oxford	88
Feb. 26–Mar. 18.	Famous men	93
Mar. 26–Apr. 15.	Holland. No. 1. (Amsterdam and North (Holland)	122
Apr. 23–May 13.	Famous pictures. No. 1.	29
May 14–June 3.	Siena	84
June 4–June 24.	New Brunswick	89
June 25–July 15.	Plymouth	100
July 16–Aug. 5.	Switzerland. No. 2	109
Aug. 6–Aug. 26.	Passion play	50
Aug. 27–Sept. 16.	Yachts	104
Sept. 17-Oct. 7.	Pagan Rome. No. 1	59
Oct. 8-Oct. 28.	Pagan Rome. No. 2	68
Oct. 31–Nov. 18.	Modern German sculpture. No. 2	41
Nov. 19–Dec. 9.	South Kensington museum	72
Dec. 26–Jan. 20, '08.	Wells Cathedral	54
Jan. 20–Feb. 10.	Yellowstone national park. No. 2	30

SPECIAL ART EXHIBIT.

May–June, '07.	Loan of Mr. G. B. Ford's water colors Siena.	2

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY.

NAMES.	B'nd vols.	P'mphs	Separate periodicals and misc. gifts.
United States—Bureaus:			
Census	6	28	
Education	3		
Commissions:			
Interstate commerce	1		
Departments:			
Agriculture	1	120	
Interior	....	23	
War	....	2	
Library of congress	4	9	
Patent office (Official gazette) (courtesy of Hon. C. Q. Tirrell)	....	.....	52 nos.
Smithsonian institution	9	16	
Massachusetts:			
Agricultural experiment station	....	1	
Commission of industrial education	....	4	
Free public library commission	....	1	
Secretay of state office	37		
State board of charities	...	1	
Trustees of public reservations	....	1	
Societies and Organizations:			
American library association, Boston. (A. L. A. booklist)	....	.....	8 nos.
American red cross association, Washington, D. C.	..	1	
American society for universal extension, Philadelphia, Pa.	....	1	
Bay State historical league	....	1	
Christian register association, Boston. (Christian register)	....	.....	52 nos.
Daughters of veterans, Mary A. Bickerdike tent, No. 21.) (Republic magazine.)	....	.....	1 no.
Devens statue commission, Fall River	1		
E. D. Baker post, G. A. R.	2		
Fall River board of trade	1		
First congregational church, Clinton. (Congregationalist.)	....	.....	4 nos.
Indian rights association, Philadelphia. Pa.	....	2	
Jamestown managers, Massachusetts board of.	....	2	
Lake Mohonk, N. Y., arbitration conference	....	2	
Massachusetts library club	....	1	

NAMES.	B'nd vols.	P'mphs	Separate periodicals and misc. gifts.
Societies and Organizations—continued:			
Mass. civil service reform association	....	3	
Merchants' association, New York city	....	3	
N. Y. Chamber of commerce, New York city	....	1	
Old home week committee, Providence, R. I.	..	1	
Order of the Cross, Paignton, Eng	....	2	
Pennsylvania prison society, Philadelphia, Pa.	....	1	
Public education association, Worcester	....	1	
St. Louis mercantile association	....	1	
Towle manufacturing company, Newburyport, Mass.	....	1	
Unitarian temperance society	1		
Woman's auxiliary, church of the Good Shepherd. (Churchman.	....	.....	16 nos.
Woman's auxiliary, Mass. civil service reform association, Boston	....	1	
Worcester board o trade, Worcester. (Worcester magrzine)	....	.....	12 nos.
Educational institutions:			
College of dental and oral surgery, New York city	....	1	
Cornell university, Ithaca, N. Y.	....	1	
Harvard university, Cambridge	2		
Howard university, Washington, D. C.	...	1	
Mass. college of osteopathy, Boston	....	2	
Mass. institute of technology, Boston	....	1	
Mass. state normal school, Worcester	....	1	
Perkins institution for the blind, Boston	....	2	
Still college, Des Moines, Iowa	....	2	
Textile school, New Bedford	....	1	
State university, Baton Rouge, La.	..	1	
Worcester polytechnic institute, Worcester	....	1	
Libraries—Reports and Bulletins:			
Arlington (Robbins)	...	1	
Baltimore, Md. (Enoch Pratt)	...	1	
Boston (Public)	....	7	
Boston (State)	....	1	
Bridgeport, Conn.	....	1	
Brimfield	...	1	
Chicago, Ill.	...	2	
Cincinnati, Ohio	....	1	
Concord	....	1	

NAMES.	B'nd vols.	P'mphs	Separate periodicals and misc. gifts.
Libraries—continued:			
Erie, Pa.	....	1	
Everett (Shute)	....	1	
Fall River	....	1	
Fitchburg	....	7	
Grand Rapids, Mich.	...	1	
Groton.	....	1	
Hartford, Conn. (State)	....	4	
Haverhill	....	1	
Hudson	....	1	
Hyde Park	....	2	
Lancaster	....	1	
Leominster	....	1	
Lexington	....	1	
Littleton (Reuben Hoar)	....	1	
Lynn	....	1	
Malden	....	1	
Manchester, N. H.	....	1	
Marlborough	....	1	
Melrose.	....	1	
Natick (Morse institute)	...	1	
New Bedford	....	2	
Newton	....	1	
Northampton (Forbes)	....	1	
Osaka, Japan	....	1	
Oxford	....	1	
Philadelphia, Pa. (Free)	...	2	
Providence, R. I.	....	1	
St. Louis, Mo.	....	1	
Salem	....	1	
Scranton, Pa. (Albright memorial	....	1	
Somerville	....	1	
Syracuse, N. Y.	....	1	
Taunton	...	1	
Waterbury, Conn. (Bronson)	....	2	
Watertown, N. Y. (Flower memorial)	....	1	
Westborough	....	1	
Weston	....	1	
Woburn	....	1	
Worcester	....	6	
Worcester county (Law)	....	1	

NAMES.	B'nd vols.	P'mphs	Separate periodicals and misc. gifts.
Towns, Individuals and Firms;			
Adams, F., Boston	....	1	
Adams nervine asylum, Jamaica Plain	....	1	
Albee, J., Swampscott	1		
Anchor post iron works, New York city	....	1	
Anonymous	1	2	
Balch, T. W., Philadelphia, Pa.	1		
Baltimore and Ohio railroad company	....	4	
Bangor slate co., Easton, Pa.	....	1	
Burditt, A. A., estate	4		
Chandler, A. D., Brookline	....	1	
Clark, Mrs. A. M. L,, Lancaster	1		
Collier, P. F. and son, New York city	1		
Davenport, D., Bridgeport, Conn.	....	1	
Fitchburg, city of	1		
Lawson, T. W., Boston	....	1	
Library bureau, Boston	....	1	
Outlook Co., New York city	....	1	
Southern Pacific railroad company	....	6	
Standard oil co.	....	1	
Stone and Webster, Boston	....	1	
Taylor, C. F., Philadelphia, Pa.	....	3	
Thompson, S., Chicago, Ill.	....	1	
	78	346	

PERIODICALS AND NEWSPAPERS.

MAIN LIBRARY.

Weeklies.

†American machinist.
*Christian register.
*Churchman.
*Clinton courant.
*Congregationalist.
Education, Journal of.
†Electrical world.
†Fibre and fabric.
Harper's weekly.
Independent.
Leslie's weekly.
Life.
Literary digest.
Living age.
Nation.
New York times (Saturday issue).
Outlook.
*Patent office official gazette.
Publishers' weekly.
†Science.
†Scientific American.
†Scientific Amer. supplement.
Youth's companion.

Monthlies and Quarterlies.

American magazine.
Am. monthly review of reviews.
Atlantic monthly.
Bookman.
†Brickbuilder.
Century.
Contemporary review.
Cosmopolitan magazine.
†Country life in America.
†Craftsman.
Delineator.
†Engineering magazine.
Everybody's magazine.
Forum.
Good government.
Good housekeeping.
Harper's bazar.
Harper's monthly.
Harvard theological review
†House beautiful.
International studio.
Ladies' home journal.
Library journal.
McClure's magazine.
†Manual training.
Masters in art.
Musician.
New England magazine.
Nineteenth century.
North American review.
†Popular science monthly.
Public libraries.
Putnam's monthly.
Readers' guide to periodical literature.
*Republic magazine.
St. Nicholas.
†School arts book.
Scribner's magazine.
Success.
†Textile world record.
Uber Land und Meer.
*Worcester magazine.
†World's work.

CHILDREN'S ROOM.

†American boy.
Argosy.
Bird lore.
Children's magazine.
Circle
†Little folks.
†Our dumb animals.
Outing.
Popular mechanics.
†St. Nicholas.
Success.
Travel.
World to-day.
†Youth's companion.

*Gift. †Weeks Funds.

NEWSPAPER ROOM.

Boston daily advertiser.
Boston daily globe.
Boston evening record.
Boston evening transcript.
Boston herald.
Boston journal.
Boston post.
Clinton daily item.
Collier's weekly.
Evening post.
Fibre and fabric.
Saturday evening post.
Springfield republican.
Sun.
Worcester telegram. (2 copies)

Sunday Newspapers—(*Nov. to Apr.*)

Springfield republican.
Sun.
Sunday globe.
Sunday herald.
Sunday telegram.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLOTTE L. GREENE, *Librarian.*

CLINTON, MASS., Jan. 31, 1908.

The work of the library during the past year has been carried on by our efficient librarian and her assistants, to the satisfaction of the Directors, and they believe, so as to meet the approval of the public. There were, indeed, some complaints that certain new books which sprung into popularity immediately upon their publication, and were in great demand at the desk, were not provided so promptly as could have been wished ; but it must be borne in mind that in such cases many readers wish the books at the same time, and delay can hardly be avoided without a larger expense for duplicate copies than the Directors feel warranted in making. The librarians, however, make special efforts that each applicant shall be supplied with the book wanted, in turn.

The circulation of the library during the year has been much above the average,— in fact, only once before in its history (1904–1905) has it been so large by several thousand volumes. The total number of volumes taken out has been 53,807. The previous year it was 46,625, and the average for the last ten years has been 46,699 volumes. It is an interesting fact that of the 36,119 volumes (not counting juveniles) taken from the main library during the year, 30,964 volumes, or 86 per cent., were fiction, and only 5,155 volumes. or 14 per cent. history, biography, science, poetry, and all other subjects combined. This statement would hardly be credible, did not the librarian's figures prove it. It is, perhaps, to be regretted that so large a proportion of our adult readers devote themselves to fiction so almost exclusively. It must, however, be recognized that, for better or worse, fiction is the form which the study of life and its problems has chiefly taken in the literature of the time.

The children's room has been filled daily, as never before since it was opened, and it almost seems that the children have but just awoke to their privileges. The total circulation of books of this department has been for this year 16,688 volumes, as compared with 12,921 volumes the last year — an increase of nearly one-third.

Late last summer Miss Dervin, the librarian, who had ably managed this department since it was opened, resigned

her charge to enter her chosen profession of teaching ; and the Directors appointed Miss Louise Frost as her successor. The readiness with which Miss Frost has adapted herself to the peculiar requirements of the position, and the success with which she has met a somewhat trying situation, have well shown her fitness for the place.

The reading rooms and the newspaper room have been increasingly used, being vacant at hardly any time of day, and often so filled as to be uncomfortable. Besides the full list of periodicals taken by the library, subscriptions to several denominational papers and magazines have been donated to the library, and they have been placed upon the tables.

With the limited amount of money at their control for the purchase of books, the Directors have added to the library such new publications as seemed to them best fitted to be of value to all who make use of it — the student as well as the general reader — so as to provide all, as far as possible, with the means of improvement and recreation, as well as the comfort and resource which every one who has formed the reading habit — and he who has not is to be pitied — finds in a good collection of books.

Thus, the library's record for the year has been one of reasonable progress and success, as may be seen more in detail by studying the librarian's report.

The librarian has recently adopted a system by which any applicant for a book which happens to be out, can, by paying for a postal card, have the book reserved and be notified when it is returned to the library. This arrangement seems to work well and promises to be of much convenience.

The Directors have thus far been able, by moving files of bound newspapers and some sets of books very rarely wanted, to the upper floor, to provide space in the stack-room for the new books bought, but the time is rapidly approaching when the third tier of stacks in the main stack-room must be put in. The children's department, also, will

soon require more shelf-room and enlargement, if possible, and ultimately more storage room will be necessary.

It has been our misfortune to lose from our number by death, during the year, Judge Christopher C. Stone, who has been for many years a member, and of late years chairman of the Board of Directors. The great interest he has taken in the library, and the years of faithful service he has given it, are known to all, but only those who have been co-workers with him in some good cause can realize how heavy is the loss of his always intelligent aid and coöperation in carrying on the work. With sorrow we pay our tribute of respect to his memory.

For the coming year, extra expense will be caused by some additions and changes which the Directors feel compelled to make, that the work of the library may be done with comfort and convenience. The children's department has never had a proper delivery-desk, the librarian using a simple office table, and now that the use of the room has so greatly increased, better facilities are required. It is also found necessary to increase the heat in the main stack-room; and the Directors have ordered put on the second tier two wall radiators, which it is thought will be sufficient.

Estimating the ordinary expenses of the library at about the same as last year, and allowing the same amount as last year for the purchase of books — and providing for these unavoidable extra expenses mentioned — will require several hundred dollars more than the usual appropriation.

The Directors therefore request that $6,000 be appropriated for the maintenance and increase of the library for the year 1908–1909.

W. IRVING JENKINS,
JAMES SHEERIN,
GEORGE KRAUSS,
GERDON A. BROWN,
Directors.

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LIBRARY—1908-1909

DIRECTORS.

W. Irving Jenkins, *Chairman.* James C. Duncan, *Secretary.*
James Sheerin. Gerdon A. Brown.
George Krauss. Peter J. Cannon.

BOOK COMMITTEE

James C. Duncan. James Sheerin. Gerdon A. Brown

COMMITTEE ON BUILDING AND GROUNDS

W. Irving Jenkins. George Krauss. Peter J. Cannon.

LIBRARIAN.

Charlotte L. Greene.

First Assistant,
Helen A. Thissell.

Second Assistant,
Lena G. Phelps.

CHILDREN'S ROOM

Catherine S. Field, *Librarian.*

Assistants :
Eva M. Buck. May R. Leahy.

SUBSTITUTES.

Annie M. Coulter. Minnie B. Evans.
Delia M. Wellington. Evelyn M. Fox.

Edward F. Riley, Janitor.

LIBRARY HOURS:

Circulating Department, main library,	Week days, 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.
Children's Room,	Week days, 3 to 6 P.M.
Art Room,	Week days, 3 to 6 P.M.
Reading Rooms	Week days, 9 A.M. to 9 P.M. Sundays, 2 to 5 P. M. (November—April.)

REPORT

The Directors of the Bigelow Free Public Library present to the town the reports of their Secretary and Librarian as a part of the Thirty-fifth Annual Report for the year ending January 31, 1909:

SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the Directors of Bigelow Free Public Library of the Town of Clinton.

GENTLEMEN:

The thirty-fifth annual report of the secretary for the year ending January 31, 1909, is herewith presented :

ANNUAL APPROPRIATION.

Cash, including dog tax		$6,000 00

SALARY ACCOUNT.

C. L. Greene, librarian	$550 00	
H. A. Thissell, 1st assistant librarian	450 00	
L. G. Phelps. 2d " "	387 48	
L. H. Frost, children's librarian (Feb.-July)	191 66	
C. S. Field, " " (Aug.-Jan.)	183 27	
E. B. Buck, assistant children's room	33 54	
M. R. Leahy, " " "	8 48	
M. B. Evans, substitute	6 60	
E. M. Fox, "	19 50	
E. F. Riley, janitor	800 00	
C. Carvill, assistant janitor	36 55	
		$2,667 08

BOOK AND PERIODICAL ACCOUNT.

C. E. Lauriat & Co., new books	$988 52	
Robert Appleton Co., " "	24 00	
H. W. Wilson & Co., periodicals	2 50	
W. A. Butterfield, new books	4 00	
F. W. Morrill, periodicals	182 75	
Gustave Stickler, duplicate periodicals	75	
		$1,202 52

Miscellaneous Expenses.

C. L. Greene, express, postage, etc	$29 51	
E. F. Riley, extra work	2 64	
Clinton Gas Light Co., electric lighting	413 00	
N. E. Telegraph & Telephone Co., telephone	39 00	
E. L. Johnson, binding and repairing books	406 80	
Mrs. N. A. Herrick, cleaning books	20 00	
Chas. Frazer, coal	75 00	
J. F. Murphy, cheese cloth	1 50	
A. W. Custance, coal	75 00	
F. W. Morrill, stationery	30 61	
F. W. Morrill, newspapers	72 88	
W. J. Coulter, printing, cards, etc	143 05	
Clinton Water Department, water	14 72	
John Hamilton, carting ashes	9 75	
Philbin Bros., wood	6 00	
Clinton Machine Works, repairs	1 00	
E. O. Pratt, hardware	13 16	
A. W. Wiesman, cheesecloth	2 50	
M. J. Flagg, electric lights	24 00	
Lucius Field & Co., office chair	7 00	
E. F. Worcester Press, binding and repairing books,	36 05	
O'Toole Bros., radiators	78 89	
Library Bureau, desk, cards, etc	314 95	
Library Art Club, yearly assessment	6 00	
Crocker Art Co., picture frames	1 75	
J. E. Grady, repairing door check	85	
Clinton Daily Item, printing lists	1 04	
Russell & Young, bookcases, etc	97 95	
C. L. Stevens, insurance	105 00	
F. M. Hammond, insurance	15 00	
Dame & Ayers, insurance	82 50	
National Child Labor Committee, membership fee	2 00	
Eureka Steam Laundry, laundering towels	1 30	2,130 40
Total expenditure from appropriation		$6,000 00
Unexpended balance		00
		$6,000 00

Weeks Fund Account.

Expended through trustees of the Weeks' Funds:		
Practical and scientific books	$274 07	
Juvenile books (children's room)	79 49	
Periodicals	13 00	
Total expenditure		$366 56

[See report of Trustees of Weeks' Funds.]

FINE ACCOUNT.

Fines (main library)	$121 59	
" (children's room)	25 69	
Sale of one memorial volume	1 00	
		$148 28

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Amount paid town treasurer for fines, etc	$148 28

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES C. DUNCAN, *Secretary.*

Clinton, January 31, 1909.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Directors of the Bigelow Free Public Library:

GENTLEMEN:— The thirty-fifth report of the librarian, for the year ending January 31, 1909, is herewith presented:

ACCESSIONS.

Estimated number of volumes in the Library, Feb. 1, 1908		31,579
Increase by purchase (Town appropriation)	713	
" (Weeks funds)	217	
" gift	75	
" bound periodicals	92	
Total additions		1,097
		32,676
Withdrawn, as worn out	11	
" missing (unaccounted for)	3	
" " (not returned by borrower)	5	
Total withdrawals		19
Estimated number of volumes in the Library, Feb. 1, 1909		32,657
Number of pamphlets bought		3
" " given		358
" periodicals and newspapers subscribed for (Town appropriation)	86	
Number of periodicals subscribed for (Weeks funds)	9	
" periodicals given	10	
Total number periodicals and newspapers		105

MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS.

Number of days library was open	.....	306
No. of Sundays reading rooms were open (Nov.-Apr.)	.....	27
Average Sunday attendance	.....	44
Largest daily circulation:		
Main library (April 4, 1908)	.....	310
Children's room (Nov. 30, 1908)	.....	173
Smallest daily circulation:		
Main library (Sept. 16, 1908)	.....	60
Children's room (Sept. 16, 1908)	.....	0
Books lost or injured and replaced by borrowers	.....	12
Books worn out and replaced by library	.....	11
Books repaired and rebound at bindery:		
Main library	766	
Children's room	697	1,463
Persons fined for injuring books	.....	17
Overdue book postals mailed:		
Main library	2,712	
Children's room	658	3,370
Reserve-book postals mailed	.....	495
Names registered during the year:		
Main library	334	
Children's room	330	
	664	
Decrease by transfers from children's room to main library	118	
Total registration during the year	.....	546

MONTHLY CIRCULATION.

	Main Library	Children's Room.	Totals.
February	3,810	2,221	6,031
March	4,123	2,243	6,366
April	3,815	1,696	5,511
May	3,451	1,311	4,762
June	3,400	1,146	4,546
July	3,351	868	4,219
August	3,403	946	4,349
September	3,242	1,158	4,400
October	3,604	1,890	5,494
November	3,784	2,541	6,325
December	3,538	2,056	5,594
January	3,920	1,878	5,798
Total	43,441	19,954	63,395

CLASSIFICATION.

	Purchase including Weeks Funds.	Circulation,	
	No. vols.	No. vols.	Per cent.
1. Fiction	289	37,425	59.
2. Description and Travel	61	596	1.
3. History	90	899	1.4
4. Religion, (including Ecclesiastical history)	38	220	.4
5. Useful and Industrial Arts	57	754	1.2
6. Fine Arts	39	715	1.1
7. Natural Science	50	588	.9
8. Philosophy	12	84	.1
9. Social Science	60	478	.8
10. Literature	16	338	.5
11. Miscellanies, (including Periodicals, Essays, etc.)	54	1,344	2.1
12. Juvenile Books, (Children's room)	164	19,954	31.5
Total	930	63,395	100.0

COMPARATIVE CIRCULATION FOR FIVE YEARS.

	Main Library	Children's Room	Totals
1904–05	38,817	15,530	54,347
1905–06	34,593	13,759	48,352
1906–07	33,704	12,921	46,625
1907–08	36,119	16,688	52,807
1908–09	43,441	19,954	63,395

LIBRARY ART CLUB EXHIBITS.

February.	Southern coast of England.
March.	Munich.
April.	Salisbury.
May.	Millet.
June.	Japan. No. 1.
July.	Italian fountains: Paris. No. 1.
August.	Norway. No. 2.
September.	Yellowstone. No. 3.
October.	California.
November.	Amesbury.
December.	York, England; Greece. No. 1.
January.	Greece. No. 2.

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY.

NAMES.	Bound vols.	Pamphlets	Separate Periodicals and Misc. Gifts.
United States—Bureaus:			
Census	5	10	
Education	3	2	
Commissions:			
Interstate commerce	1		
Departments:			
Agriculture	1	59	
Interior	..	49	
War	....	17	
Library of congress	3	14	
Patent office (Official gazette) (courtesy of Hon. C. Q. Tirrell	....	.....	52 nos.
Public documents, Superintendent of	....	1	
Smithsonian institution	2	11	
Massachusetts:			
Agricultural experiment station	....	1	
Industrial education, commission of	....	1	
Public reservations, Trustees of	....	1	
Secretary of state office	36		
State board of charities	....	1	
Societies and Organizations:			
American association for labor legislation, Madison, Wis.	....	2	
American library association, Boston (A. L. A. book list)	....	.....	8 nos.
American society of international law	....	1	

NAMES.	Bound vols.	Pamphlets	Separate Periodicals and Misc. Gifts.
Societies and Organizations—continued:			
Asiatic exclusion league, San Francisco, Cal.	....	1	
Association for international conciliation	....	9	
Christian register association, Boston. (Christian register)	....	.....	52 nos.
Christian science society	8		
Clinton hospital association	...	1	
First Baptist church. (Watchman)	....	.....	52 nos.
First Evangelical church. (Congregationalist)	....	.....	52 nos.
Indian rights association, Philadelphia, Pa.	....	1	
Lake Mohonk, N. Y., arbitration conference	....	1	
Massachusetts library art club	....	1	
Mass. civil service reform association	....	1	
Merchant's association, New York city	....	4	
National arbitration peace congress	1		
National child labor committee	....	3	
Negro race advancement committee, Cheyney, Pa.	....	1	
Republican national committee, New York city	....	1	
St. John's parish. (Benziger's magazine.) (Catholic world.) (Sacred Heart review.)	....	.....	76 nos.
Society for prevention of premature burial	1		
Soldiers' home, Chelsea	....	2	
Vivisection reform society	1	1	
Woman's auxiliary, church of the Good Shepherd. (Churchman)	....	.....	52 nos.
Worcester board of trade. (Worcester magazine)	....	.....	12 nos.
Educational institutions:			
Clark college, Worcester	....	1	
College of dental and oral surgery, New York city	....	1	
Harvard university, Cambridge	2	1	
Mass. agricultural college, Amherst	....	72	
Mass. institute of technology, Boston	....	1	
Mass. state normal school, Worcester	....	1	
Perkins institution for the blind, Boston	....	2	
Textile school, New Bedford	....	1	
Worcester polytechnic institute, Worcester	....	1	
Libraries—Reports and Bulletins:			
Arlington (Robbins)	....	1	
Baltimore, Md. (Enoch Pratt)	....	1	

NAMES.	Bound vols.	Pamphlets	Separate Periodicals and Misc. Gifts.
Libraries—continued:			
Boston (Public)	....	2	
Boston (State)	....	2	
Clark college, Worcester	....	1	
Concord	....	1	
Everett (Shute)	....	1	
Fitchburg	....	3	1 photo
Grand Rapids, Mich.	....	1	
Groton	....	1	
Hartford, Conn. (State)	....	2	
Hudson	....	1	
Hyde Park	....	3	
Lancaster	....	1	
Lawrence	....	2	
Leominster	....	1	
Lexington	....	1	
Littleton (Reuben Hoar)	....	1	
Los Angeles, Cal.	....	1	
Lynn	....	1	
Malden	....	1	
Manchester, N. H.	....	1	
Marlborough	....	1	
Melrose	....	1	
Natick (Morse institute)	....	1	
Newton	....	1	
Northampton (Forbes)	....	1	
Osaka, Japan	....	1	
Oxford	....	1	
Paterson, N. J. (Danforth memorial)	....	7	
Philadelphia, Pa. (Free)	....	1	
Providence, R. I.	....	1	
St. Louis, Mo. (Mercantile)	....	1	
Salem	....	1	
Scranton, Pa. (Albright memorial)	....	1	
Somerville	....	1	
Syracuse, N. Y.	....	1	
Taunton	....	1	
Wakefield (Beebe)	...	1	
Waterbury, Conn. (Bronson)	....	1	
Watertown, N. Y. (Flower memorial)	....	1	
Westborough	....	2	
Weston	....	1	

NAMES.	Bound vols.	Pamphlets	Separate Periodicals and Misc. Gifts.
Libraries—continued:			
Woburn	....	1	
Worcester	....	1	
Worcester county (Law)	....	1	
Towns, Individuals and Firms:			
Anonymous	....	2	
Baltimore and Ohio railroad company	....	8	
Bartlett, Mrs. G. M., Deershorn	1		
Bausch and Lomb optical company, Rochester, N. Y.	....	1	
Bradley, C., Newark, N. J.	1		
Benton, J. H.	....	1	
Cannon, P. J.	1		
Chandler, A. G., Lancaster	1		
Choates, J. H., New York city	....	1	
Coulter, C. C. (Clinton Courant)	....	.....	52 nos.
Depew, C. M., New York city	....	3	
Field, L.	1		
Immigration company, Ottawa, Canada	1		
McCleary, J. T., Washington, D. C.	....	1	
Raymond, G. L., Washington, D. C.	3		
Root, A. I., co., Medina, Ohio	....	1	
Rumford printing company, Concord, N. H.	....	1	
Thompson, S., Chicago, Ill.	1		
Worcester press, Boston	1		
Worcester telegram company. (Worcester telegram.) (Unbound numbers, 1908)			
	75	358	

PERIODICALS AND NEWSPAPERS.

MAIN LIBRARY.

Monthlies.

American Magazine.
American Review of Reviews.
Arena.
Atlantic Monthly.
*Benziger's Magazine.
Bookman.
Book Review Digest.
Brickbuilder.
*Catholic World.
Century.
Contemporary Review.
Cosmopolitan Magazine.
Country Life in America.
Craftsman.
Current Literature.
Delineator.
Engineering Magazine.
Everybody's Magazine.
Forum.
Good Government.
Good Housekeeping.
Harper's Bazar.
Harper's Monthly.
Harvard Theological Review
International Studio.
Ladies' Home Journal.
Library Journal.
McClure's Magazine.
Manual Training.
Masters in Art.
Musician.
New England Magazine.
Nineteenth Century.
North American Review.
Outing Magazine.
Popular Mechanics.
Popular Science Monthly.
Public Libraries.
Putnam's Monthly.
Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature.
St. Nicholas.
School Arts Book.
Scribner's Magazine.
Success.
Textile World Record.
*Worcester Magazine.
World's Work.

Weeklies.

American Machinist.
Army and Navy Journal
Automobile Magazine
*Christian Register.
*Churchman.
*Clinton Courant.
*Congregationalist.
Education, Journal of.
Electrical World.
Fibre and Fabric.
Forest and Stream.
Harper's Weekly.
Independent.
Leslie's Weekly.
Life.
Literary Digest.
Living Age.
London News.
Nation.
New York Times (Sat. Issue).
Outlook.
*Patent Office Official Gazette.
Public.
Publishers' Weekly.
*Sacred Heart Review.
Science.
Scientific American.
Scientific Amer. Supplement.
Spectator (English).
Uber Land und Meer.
*Watchman.
Youth's Companion.

CHILDREN'S ROOM.

American Boy.
Bird Lore.
Children's Magazine.
Harper's Weekly.
Little Folks.
Our Dumb Animals.
St. Nicholas.
Success.
Youth's Companion.

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*Gift.

NEWSPAPER ROOM.

Boston Daily Advertiser.
Boston Daily Globe.
Boston Evening Record.
Boston Evening Transcript.
Boston Herald.
Boston Journal.
Boston Post.
Clinton Daily Item.
Collier's Weekly.
Evening Post.
Fibre and Fabric.
Saturday Evening Post.
Springfield Republican.
Sun.
Worcester Telegram. (2 copies)

Sunday Newspapers — (Nov. to Apr.)

Springfield Republican.
Sun.
Sunday Globe.
Sunday Herald.
Sunday Telegram.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLOTTE L. GREENE, *Librarian.*

CLINTON, MASS., Jan. 31, 1909.

If the number of books kept in circulation by the library can be considered a measure of its success, then the past year has been the most successful in its history.

The total number of books loaned has been 63,395, as compared with 54,347, the largest number in any previous year, and 46,699, the average number for the past ten years. The number of volumes added to the library the past year has been 1,078,— about the usual yearly increase. The total number of volumes now in the library is 32,657, an increase of about 7,000 volumes in five years, or since the library has occupied its present quarters.

In the different classes of literature the percentage of use has been about the same as last year, fiction leading in about the same ratio,— 86 per cent. of the books loaned adults being of that nature. It is a question how far the managers of a public library should try to influence the reading of its patrons. There can be no doubt that excessive reading of fiction unfits one for serious study. Like some other habits, it grows with what it feeds upon ; but at the same time, those who read for rest and change must be given the kind of literature they want, otherwise instead of rest and refreshment, it is a burden. Perhaps Dr. Johnson's sayings about reading are nearer the truth than is

generally recognized, that "a man ought to read just as inclination leads him, for what he reads as a task will do him little good. You have done a great deal when you have brought him to have entertainment from books; he'll get better books afterwards."

In purchasing books during the year the Directors have given particular attention to supplying a want which they have long felt was imperfectly provided for,—that of an adequate collection of the most advanced text books upon improved methods of business and keeping accounts, an accurate knowledge of which is so necessary to the modern business man and goes so far to make him competent and successful. They have also begun to revise the list of Encyclopedias, many of which are becoming obsolete to a considerable extent, because of the advance in knowledge of the subjects they treat and the continual new discoveries of the age. It is intended to replace some of them with the most recent and revised issues.

The congestion in the main stack room, reported last year, still continues. The Directors have decided, after much consideration of the problem, that for the present the best way, as well as the least expensive, will be to provide some cheap stacks in the west hall on the upper floor, and remove thereto all of the "Public Documents" and other books of similar character that are infrequently consulted, which now occupy an amount of space on the shelves of the stack room out of proportion to their usefulness. This will give room for several thousand volumes and relieve the pressure for the time, but the normal growth of the library will in a few years make it necessary to begin to install the third tier of stacks.

During the year the Directors have increased the shelf capacity of the children's department, by carrying new shelves the whole length of the north wall.

They have also installed an up-to-date delivery desk, with room for two attendants to work together; which has been a great help, and has relieved the awkwardness and confusion caused by lack of facilities for doing the work.

These additions have put that department into excellent condition, and it will probably require no further extraordinary expense for some years.

The newspaper room appears to be well appreciated and increasingly used, and the main reading room also has been at times so full as to be inconveniently crowded.

Just five years ago the library was moved to its present handsome and convenient quarters, and its progress since then has been all that could have been expected.

As it grows year by year and becomes of more importance to the citizens of the town, it requires increased facilities and modern methods and appliances for doing its work; and necessarily the expense of its administration increases with its growth.

In view of the changes necessary, and the extra expense involved,— and that the Directors may not be straitened in their efforts to keep the library up to the best modern standard,— they request that $6,000, including the dog tax, be appropriated for its maintenance and increase for the year 1909–'10.

W. IRVING JENKINS,
JAMES C. DUNCAN,
JAMES SHEERIN,
PETER J. CANNON,
GEORGE KRAUSS,
GERDON A. BROWN.

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Library School

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LIBRARY—1909-1910

DIRECTORS.

W. Irving Jenkins, *Chairman.* James C. Duncan, *Secretary.*
Gerdon A. Brown. George Krauss.
Peter J. Cannon.

BOOK COMMITTEE

James C. Duncan. Gerdon A. Brown.

COMMITTEE ON BUILDING AND GROUNDS

W. Irving Jenkins. George Krauss. Peter J. Cannon.

LIBRARIAN.

Charlotte L. Greene.

First Assistant,
Helen A. Thissell.

Second Assistant,
Lena G. Phelps.

CHILDREN'S ROOM

*Catherine S. Field, *Librarian.*

Assistants :
May R. Leahy. Minnie B. Evans.

SUBSTITUTES.

Annie M. Coulter. Delia M. Wellington.
Mabelle E. Hager.

Edward F. Riley, Janitor.

Library hours:

Circulating Department, Main library, ... Week days, 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.

Children's Room, ... Monday–Friday, 1 to 6 P.M.
Saturday, 9 A.M. to 6 P.M.

Reading Rooms ..... Week days, 9 A.M. to 9 P.M.
Sundays, 2 to 5 P. M.
(November—April.)

*Deceased Nov. 22, 1909.

REPORT.

The Directors of the Bigelow Free Public Library present to the town the reports of their Secretary and Librarian as a part of the Thirty-sixth Annual Report for the year ending January 31, 1910:

SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the Directors of Bigelow Free Public Library of the Town of Clinton.

GENTLEMEN: The thirty-sixth annual report of the secretary for the year ending January 31, 1910, is herewith presented:

ANNUAL APPROPRIATION.

Cash, including dog tax		$6,000 00

SALARY ACCOUNT.

C. L. Greene, Librarian	$550 00	
H. A. Thissell, 1st Assistant librarian	450 00	
L. G. Phelps, 2d " "	400 00	
C. S. Field, Children's librarian	233 32	
M. B. Evans, Assistant, children's room	71 85	
M. R. Leahy, " " "	73 92	
E. B. Buck, " " "	11 48	
D. M. Wellington, Substitute	51 58	
M. E. Hager, "	12 15	
E. F. Riley, Janitor	800 00	
C. Carville, Assistant janitor	62 13	
		$2,716 43

BOOK AND PERIODICAL ACCOUNT.

F. W. Morrill, Periodicals	$201 55	
H. W. Wilson & Co., "	25 00	
Chas. E. Lauriat Co., New books	1,038 52	
P. Murphy & Son, "	11 90	
R. Appleton & Co., "	12 00	
Price and Lee Co., "	2 00	
H. W. Harrington, "	6 00	
A. N. Marquis & Co., "	4 50	
W. H. Benson, "	20 00	
Torch Press, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, New books	10 00	
Walker Lithograph & Publishing Co., "	25 00	
		$1,356 47

Miscellaneous Expenses.

C. L. Greene, Express, postage, etc	$26 64	
Clinton Gas Light Co., Electric lighting	427 80	
N. E. Telegraph and Telephone Co., Telephone	39 00	
John F. Gordon, Moving books	1 25	
E. L. Johnson, Binding and repairing books	561 45	
Mrs. G. W. Herrick, Cleaning books	26 75	
Wachusett Grain Co., Pearline	66	
Conrey Bros., Coal	75 00	
W. M. Lee, Iron, etc	2 54	
J. F. Murphy, Cheese cloth	1 25	
A. W. Custance, Coal	75 00	
F. W. Morrill, Stationery	24 36	
F. W. Morrill, Newspapers	73 50	
W. J. Coulter, Printing, cards, etc	119 40	
Clinton Water Department, Water	12 10	
John Hamilton, Carting ashes	7 04	
Philbin Bros., Wood and Coal	160 00	
J. H. Atwater Co., Newspaper bands	2 40	
E. O. Pratt, Hardware	18 95	
Lucius Field & Co., Chair tips	2 40	
Wallace, Stowers & Co., Towels	3 26	
H. B. McArdle, Stamp	1 65	
O'Toole Bros., Faucet, etc	2 85	
E. J. Scanlon Picture moulding	2 00	
G. E. Stimpson, Cards	9 25	
Library Art Club, Yearly Assessment	6 00	
Clinton Daily Item, Printing, readers, etc	1 61	
Clinton Times Publishing Co., Readers	40	
W. A. Fuller, Shelving and work	213 19	
N. L. Howe, Plate glass	1 80	
J. W. Bullen, Universal cleanser	9 60	
Eureka Steam Laundry, Laundering towels	1 72	
J. H. Keating & Co., Repairing wheelbarrow	75	
E. W. Breed, Care bay trees (3 yrs.)	15 00	
		$1,926 57
Total expenditure from appropriation		$5,999 47
Unexpended balance		53
		$6,000 00

Weeks Funds Account.

Expended through trustees of the Weeks Funds:		
Practical and scientific books	$292 80	
Juvenile books (children's room)	99 47	
Total expenditure		$392 27

[See report of Trustees of Weeks Funds.]

FINE ACCOUNT.

Fines (main library)	$145 02	
" (children's room)	29 42	
Sale of two histories	2 00	
		$176 44

CONTRA CR.

Amount paid town treasurer for fines, etc	$176 44

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES C. DUNCAN, *Secretary.*

Clinton, January 31, 1910.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Directors of the Bigelow Free Public Library:

GENTLEMEN:— The thirty-sixth report of the librarian, for the year ending January 31, 1910, is herewith presented:

ACCESSIONS.

Estimated number of volumes in the Library, Feb. 1, 1909		32,657
Increase by purchase (Town appropriation)	782	
" (Weeks funds)	276	
" gift	151	
" exchange	1	
" bound periodicals	127	
Net increase		1,337
		33,994
Withdrawn, as worn out	23	
" missing (unaccounted for)	10	
Net decrease		33
Estimated number of volumes in the Library, Feb. 1, 1910		33,961
Number of pamphlets bought		4
" " given		238
" periodicals and newspapers subscribed for	104	
" " given	11	
Total number periodicals and newspapers		115

MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS.

Number of days library was open	305
Number of Sundays reading rooms were open (Nov.-Apr.)	25
Average Sunday attendance	30

	Main Library	Childrens Room	Totals
Largest daily circulation (Feb. 13) (Nov. 29)	342	165	
Smallest " " (Mar. 25) (Sept. 15)	58	2	
Books lost or injured and replaced by readers	4	3	7
Books missing (unaccounted for)	3	7	10
Books worn out and replaced by library	5	18	23
Books repaired and rebound at bindery	1,025	926	1,951
Persons fined for injuring books	6	10	16
Overdue-book postals mailed	3,052	653	3,705
Reserve-book " "	523	85	608
Names registered during the year	310	231	541
Decrease by transfers from children's room to main library			105
Total registration during the year			436

CLASSIFICATION.

	Purchase including Weeks Funds.	Circulation,	
	No. vols.	No. vols.	Per cent.
1. Fiction	350	38,933	61.7
2. Description and Travel	67	536	.9
3. History	108	726	1.1
4. Religion, (including Ecclesiastical history)	56	199	.3
5. Useful and Industrial Arts	82	781	1.2
6. Fine Arts	45	673	1.1
7. Natural Science	57	558	.9
8. Philosophy	9	72	.1
9. Social Science	51	392	.6
10. Literature	28	291	.5
11. Miscellanies, (including Periodicals, Essays, etc.)	37	1,076	1.7
12. Juvenile Books, (Children's room)	168	18,844	29.9
Total	1,058	63,081	100.0

MONTHLY CIRCULATION.

	Main Library	Children's Room.	Totals.
February	3,750	1,838	5,588
March	4,226	2,241	6,467
April	3,395	1,481	4,876
May	3,437	1,255	4,692
June	3,279	1,236	4,515
July	3,545	836	4,381
August	3,533	946	4,479
September	3,437	1,005	4,442
October	3,700	1,762	5,462
November	3,805	2,115	5,920
December	3,828	2,004	5,832
January	4,302	2,125	6,427
Total	44,237	18,844	63,081

COMPARATIVE CIRCULATION FOR FIVE YEARS.

	Main Library	Children's Room	Totals
1905–06	34,593	13,759	48,352
1906–07	33,704	12,921	46,625
1907–08	36,119	16,688	52,807
1908–09	43,441	19,954	63,395
1909–10	44,237	18,844	63,081

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY.

NAMES	Bound vols.	Pamphlets	Separate Periodicals and Misc. Gifts
United States—Bureaus :			
Census	4	9	
Education	2	2	
Navigation	1	.....	
Science	.....	1	
Commissions :			
Interstate Commerce	1	.....	
Departments :			
Agriculture	1	8	
Justice	2	1	
War	3	4	
Library of Congress	1	12	
Patent Office (Official gazette) Courtesy of Hon. C. Q. Tirrell	1		52 nos.
Smithsonian Institution	6	16	
Massachusetts :			
Agricultural Experiment Station	.....	1	
Bureau of Statistics	.....	7	
Public Reservations, Trustees of	.....	1	
Secretary of State Office	36	.....	
State Board of Charities	.....	1	
Societies and Organizations ;			
American Association for International Conciliation	.....	13	
American Association for Labor Legislation, Madison, Wis	.....	1	
American Library Association, Boston (A. L. A. Book list.)	.....	.....	8 nos.
American Peace and Arbitration League	.....	2	
Anti-Imperial League, Boston	.....	1	
Association for International Conciliation	.....	9	
Association of Life Insurance Presidents	.....	8	
Boston Association for the Relief and Control of Tuberculosis	.....	2	
British and Foreign Unitarian Association	1	.....	
Carnegie Hero Fund Commission, Pittsburg, Pa	.....	1	
Clinton Hospital Association	.....	2	
Clinton Women's Club, (Federation Bulletin)	.....	.....	3 nos.
Commercial Club. Concord, N. H	.....	1	
First Baptist Church. (Watchman)	.....	.....	52 nos.

NAMES	Bound Vols.	Pamphlets	Separate Periodicals and Misc. Gifts
Societies and Organizations—continued·			
First Evangelical Church. (Congregationalist)	.....	.....	52 nos.
Indian Rights Association, Philadelphia, Pa	.....	1	
Jean Armorer Burns Club, Washington, D. C.	.....	1	
Lake Mohonk, N. Y., Arbitration Conference	.....	2	
McKinley Memorial Committee, Philadelphia, Pa	.....	1	
Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston	.....	1	
Massachusetts Library Art Club	.....	1	
Merchant's Association, New York City	.....	5	
National Child Labor Committee, New York City	.....	4	
Peace Society of New York City	.....	2	
St. John's Parish. (America) (Benziger's Magazine) (Catholic World) (Sacred Heart Review)	.....	.....	100 nos.
Woman's Auxiliary, Church of the Good Shepherd. (Churchman)	.....	.....	52 nos.
Educational Institutions :			
Clark College, Worcester	.....	3	
College of Dental and Oral Surgery, New York City	.....	1	
Harvard University, Cambridge	2	.....	
Massachusetts Agricultural College, Amherst	.....	2	
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston	.....	1	
Massachusetts State Normal School, Worcester	.....	1	
Perkins Institution for the Blind, Boston	.....	4	
Textile School, New Bedford	.....	1	
Tufts College, Medford	1	.....	
Worcester Art Museum School	.....	1	
Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester	.....	1	
Libraries—Reports and Bulletins :			
Arlington (Robbins)	.....	1	
Baltimore, Md. (Enoch Pratt)	.....	1	
Boston (Public)	.....	1	
Boston (State)	.....	2	
Cambridge	.....	1	
Chelsea (Fitz)	.....	2	
Chicago, Ill	.....	1	

NAMES	Bound Vols.	Pamphlets	Separate Periodicals and Misc. Gifts
Libraries—continued:			
Concord	.....	1	
Erie, Pa	.....	1	
Everett (Shute)	.....	1	
Fitchburg	.....	3	
Grand Rapids, Mich	.....	1	
Groton	.....	1	
Hartford, Conn. (State)	.....	1	
Hudson	.....	1	
Hyde Park	.....	5	
Lancaster	.....	1	
Leominster	.....	1	
Lexington, Kentucky	.....	1	
Littleton (Reuben Hoar)	.....	1	
Los Angeles, Cal.	.....	1	
Lynn	.....	1	
Malden	.....	1	
Manchester, N. H	.....	1	
Marlborough	.....	1	
Natick (Morse Institute)	.....	1	
New Bedford	.....	2	
Newton	.....	1	
Paterson, N. J. (Danforth Memorial)	.....	1	
Providence, R. I	.....	1	
St. Louis, Mo. (Mercantile)	.....	1	
Salem	.....	1	
Somerville	.....	1	
Syracuse, N. Y.	.....	1	
Taunton	.....	1	
Waterbury, Coun. (Bronson)	.....	1	
Westborough	.....	1	
Weston	.....	1	
Worcester	.....	4	
Worcester County (Law)	.....	1	
Towns, Individuals and Firms:			
Allen, G. W., East Bridgewater	.....	1	
Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company	.....	9	
Bankers Publishing Company, New York City	.....	1	
Barker, W., Philadelphia, Pa	1	.....	
Bartlett, H. W., Worcester	.....	1	
Buckingham, Miss L. A	.....	1	

NAMES	Bound Vols.	Pamphlets	Separate Periodicals and Misc. Gifts
Towns, Individuals and Firms—continued:			
Burton, Mrs. M. H	1		
Casson, N. H., Pine Hill, N. Y	1		
Coolidge, Mrs. A. C., Watertown, N. Y	2		
Coulter, C. C. (Clinton Courant) (Unbound Numbers, 1909) (Clinton Daily Item) (Unbound numbers, 1909)			
Densmore, E., New York City	2		
Depew, Hon. C. M., New York City	.....	11	
Field, Miss C. S	1		
Griswold, S. M., Brooklyn, N. Y	1		
Horsburgh, J., San Francisco, Cal	1		
Martin, H. D	1		
Moon, J. H., Fallsington, Pa	1		
Northern Pacific Railroad Company, St. Paul, Minn	.....	1	
Raymond, G. L., Washington, D. C	1		
Stevens, Miss E. K	75	22	
Stone and Webster, Boston	.....	1	
Swift and Company, Chicago, Ill	.....	1	
Technical Publishing Co., Chicago, Ill, (Practical Engineer)	.....	.....	9 nos.
Thompson, S., Chicago, Ill	.....	1	
Wilcox, H. A	1		
Worcester Telegram Company, (Worcester Telegram), (unbound numbers 1909)			
	151	238	

PERIODICALS AND NEWSPAPERS.

MAIN LIBRARY.

Monthlies.

American Magazine.
American Review of Reviews.
Atlantic Monthly.
*Benziger's Magazine.
Bookman.
Book Review Digest.
Brickbuilder.
*Catholic World.
Century.
Contemporary Review.
Cosmopolitan Magazine.
Country Life in America.
Craftsman.
Current Literature.
Delineator.
Engineering Magazine.
Everybody's Magazine.
*Federation Bulletin.
Forum.
Good Government.
Good Housekeeping.
Harper's Bazar.
Harper's Magazine.
Harvard Theological Review
International Studio.
Ladies' Home Journal.
Library Journal.
McClure's Magazine.
Manual Training Magazine.
Masters in Art.
Mind and Body.
Musician.
New England Magazine.
Nineteenth Century.
North American Review.
Outdoor Life, Journal of
Outing Magazine.
Popular Mechanics.
Popular Science Monthly.
Practical Engineer.
Public Libraries.
Putnam's Monthly.
Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature.
St. Nicholas.
School Arts Book.
Scribner's Magazine.
Success.
Textile World Record.
World's Work.

Weeklies.

*America.
American Machinist.
Army and Navy Journal
Automobile Magazine
*Christian Register.
Christian Work.
*Churchman.
Clinton Courant.
*Congregationalist.
Education, Journal of.
Electrical World.
Fibre and Fabric.
Forest and Stream.
Harper's Weekly.
Independent.
Leslie's Weekly.
Life.
Literary Digest.
Living Age.
London News.
Nation.
New York Times (Sat. Issue).
Outlook.
*Patent Office Official Gazette.
Public.
Publishers' Weekly.
*Sacred Heart Review.
Science.
Scientific American.
Scientific Amer. Supplement.
Spectator (English).
Survey.
Uber Land und Meer.
*Watchman.
Youth's Companion.

CHILDREN'S ROOM.

American Boy.
Bird Lore.
Children's Magazine.
Harper's Weekly.
Little Folks.
Our Dumb Animals.
St. Nicholas.
Success.
Youth's Companion.

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*Gift.

NEWSPAPER ROOM.

Boston Daily Advertiser.
Boston Daily Globe.
Boston Evening Record.
Boston Evening Transcript.
Boston Herald.
Boston Journal.
Boston Post.
Clinton Daily Item.
Clinton Daily Times.
Collier's Weekly.
Evening Post.
Fibre and Fabric.
Saturday Evening Post.
Springfield Republican.
Sun.
Worcester Telegram. (2 copies)

Sunday Newspapers—(*Nov. to Apr.*)

Springfield Republican.
Sun.
Sunday Globe.
Sunday Herald.
Sunday Telegram.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLOTTE L. GREENE, *Librarian.*

CLINTON, MASS., Jan. 31, 1910.

The circulation of a library is the best measure of its usefulness to the public. Compared with our last year's report, the figures of the year just closed show a slight decrease in circulation, yet not enough to call for special comment, the total for the year being 63,081 volumes as compared with 63,395 volumes last year, It is surely cause for congratulation that the library has been able to keep its circulation at so high a level; which compares very favorably, per capita, with other towns of our size.

In the classification of books taken out, the percentage of the different branches of literature remains about the same,—indeed for the last five years it has varied but little ; and it seems to be a fact that must be admitted and reckoned with, that, at least five-sixths of the reading of the adult citizens of Clinton is fiction, and of all the other classes of literature which we are accustomed to consider more important, only a spare one-sixth. Books of History and Biography, Useful and Fine Arts and the sciences show a moderate increase, but where the use made of them is so small, comparatively, a difference of a few volumes in a community of this size proves nothing.

The directors have given much thought to the best interests of the library, and feel that a careful study of the foregoing tables will show that, notwithstanding some unfavorable conditions, it has been a successful year in its history; and they recognize the fact that this is largely due to the good work of our faithful librarian and her assistants.

Early in the year the directors lost one from their number by the removal of the Rev. James Sheerin from town. Mr. Sheerin was keenly interested in the library and a faithful attendant at its meetings, where his refreshing independence of thought and trained literary taste added much to the interest, and to his value as a director.

We regret, also, to chronicle the death in November, of Miss Catherine Field, for some time in charge of the juvenile department of the library.

Miss Field showed remarkable fitness for her work, and so managed her department that she rapidly won the confidence and esteem of the board of directors.

During the year some heavy repairs to the building have been found necessary. For several years,—in fact, almost from the time the building was put in use, there has been a bad leakage of the gutters on the east side, into the building, disfiguring and damaging the molding in the upper hall. Many attempts to remedy the trouble had been made, but to no satisfactory result, until finally, Clinton workmen hesitated to touch it; and all experts agreed that it was caused by the peculiar construction of that part of the roof, which must be changed before it could be remedied.

The directors decided to put the matter in the hands of Worcester roofers of known ability and have it done right once for all. This has been done, and if the work can be judged by the way it has stood the varying storms of the past month, it is well done. The expense of this work was about $220.

The changes on the second floor—which have been so long contemplated—to overcome the increasing congestion in the stack rooms, have been made. The juvenile department has been moved to the south room, and the north

room, with additional wall shelves, has been devoted to a special department of newspaper files, public documents, government reports, volumes of scientific reviews, and other books of that nature, which, although important and necessary, were a great incumbrance and embarrasment in the stack rooms. Three nine-foot double stacks have been ordered for this room and three more of the same size will be required. There will also be facilities for examination and study.

By these changes, large provision is made in the main stack rooms on the first floor and basement for the ordinary accumulation of books, sufficient it is estimated, to accomodate the growth of the library for several years. The total cost of the new stacks will be about $500.

Upon the two items of extraordinary expense which have been mentioned, viz : the building repairs, and the changes in the second floor, amounting in all to $700 to $800, nothing has yet been paid. In view of this fact, and also, that of the usual appropriation of $6000 very little can be spared for extraordinary expenses, your directors request an appropriation of $7000, including the dog tax, for the maintenance and increase of the library for 1910–11.

W. IRVING JENKINS
JAMES C. DUNCAN,
GEORGE KRAUSS,
PETER J. CANNON,
GERDON A. BROWN.

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University of Illinois,
Library School.

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LIBRARY—1914

DIRECTORS.

Peter J. Cannon, *Chairman.*	Term expires 1916
James C. Duncan, *Secretary.*	" " 1915
W. Irving Jenkins.	" " 1915
William F. McNamara.	" " 1916
William B. Kenney.	" " 1917
Henry O. Richter.	" " 1917

BOOK COMMITTEE

William F. McNamara William B. Kenney James C. Duncan

COMMITTEE ON BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Peter J. Cannon Henry O. Richter W. Irving Jenkins

LIBRARIAN.

Charlotte L. Greene.

First Assistant,

Helen A. Thissell.

Second Assistant,

Lena G. Phelps.

Assistants :

May R. Leahy. Mabel E. Hager.

Delia M. Wellington.

Substitutes :

Delia M. Wellington. Helen L. Gibbs.

Mrs. Clara T. Attridge.

Edward F. Riley, Janitor.

Clarence Carvill, Assistant Janitor.

Library hours:

Circulating Department, Main library.....Week days, 9 a. m. to 9 p. m.

Children's Room..... { Monday-Friday, 1 to 6 p. m.
Saturday, 9 a. m. to 6 p. m.

Reading Rooms..... { Week days, 9 a. m. to 9 p. m.
Sundays, 2 to 5 p. m.
(November-April)

REPORT

The Directors of the Bigelow Free Public Library present to the Town the reports of the Secretary and Librarian as a part of the Forty-first Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1914. (Eleven months.)

SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the Directors of Bigelow Free Public Library of the Town of Clinton.

GENTLEMEN: The forty-first annual report of the secretary for the year ending December 31, 1914, (Eleven months) is herewith presented:

ANNUAL APPROPRIATION.

Cash, including dog tax		$7,000 41

SALARY ACCOUNT.

C. L. Greene, Librarian	$550 00	
H. A. Thissell, 1st Assistant libraria	458 34	
L. G. Phelps, 2d " "	412 50	
M. R. Leahy, Assistant	328 00	
M. E. Hager, "	208 25	
D. M. Wellington, Regular work	172 41	
D. M. Wellington, Substitute	18 70	
H. L. Gibbs, "	28 01	
Mrs. C. T. Attridge, "	37 27	
Mrs. L. H. Goodale, "	2 63	
E. F. Riley, Janitor	779 19	
C. Carvill, Assistant janitor	32 25	
		$3,027 55

BOOK AND PERIODICAL ACCOUNT.

F. W. Morrill, Magazines	$210 00	
C. E. Lauriat Co., Boston, New books	1,052 84	
Price and Lee Co., Directory	2 00	
Sampson and Murdock Co., N. E. Directory	6 00	
A. L. A. Publishing Co., Chicago, Ill., New books	5 00	
H. W. Wilson & Co., Minneapolis, Minn., Periodicals	42 85	
H. Malkan, New York City, New books	26 00	
A. J. Donahue, N. Grafton, New books	4 25	
Thos. Nelson and Sons, Encyclopedia renewal pages	5 00	
Lathrop and Harper, New York City, New books	4 50	
J. N. Lane, Meriden, Conn., Atlas	19 00	
		$1,377 44

Miscellaneous Expenses, Etc.

C. L. Greene, Paid for express and postage	$20 30	
E. F. Riley, Paid for shoveling	11 70	
Clinton Gas Light Co., Electric lighting	239 86	
Clinton Water Department, Water	19 60	
New England Telephone Co., Telephone	35 75	
E. L. Johnson, Binding and repairing books	461 74	
Conrey Bros., Coal	200 00	
Charles Frazer, Coal	120 00	
Philbin Bros., Coal and Wood	176 50	
A. W. Wiesman, Cheese cloth	3 13	
Schwab Wood Co., Wood	11 00	
O'Toole Bros., Valves, pipes, etc	8 19	
W. J. Coulter Press, Printing cards, labels, etc	193 05	
F. W. Morrill, Newspapers	70 28	
F. W. Morrill, Stationery	24 00	
Clinton Street Department, Assessment	11 64	
Eureka Steam Laundry, Laundering towels	2 30	
P. J. Finnerty, Stationery	5 68	
Library Art Club, Pictures loaned	6 00	
John Hamilton, Carting ashes	9 02	
F. G. Stowers, Cheese cloth	2 60	
E. O. Pratt, Hardware	17 82	
W. A. Bancroft, Sharpening lawn mower	1 00	
Boston Branch Stores, Soap and powder	1 00	
Library Bureau, Catalogue case and cards	132 24	
A. P. Meredith, Care of bay trees	5 00	
Clinton Daily Item, Readers	1 48	
Mrs. G. W. Herrick, Cleaning books	47 65	
R. Maitland & Son, Lavatory	72 03	
West Disinfecting Co., Towels and rack	28 75	
W. M. Lee, Hardware	11 25	
Peerless Trading Co., Baler	51 50	
Universal Binder Co., Binders	8 75	
D. Dias & Co., Waste baskets	2 55	
J. E. O'Toole, Stationery	1 50	
J. H. McGrath, Carbonal	25	
L. S. Gordon, Record books	60	
J. F. Gibbons, Brushes	4 00	
J. E. Cross, Middleboro, Ink pads	2 10	
H. Stewart, Painting	130 00	
N. L. Howe, Repairing windows	10 15	
D. M. Kinnear, Repairing windows	15 20	
Wallace & Co., Cheese cloth	1 79	
		$2,178 85
Total expenditure from appropriation		$6,583 84
Unexpended balance		416 57
		$7,000 41

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

Salaries	$3,027 55	
Heating	507 50	
Lighting	239 86	
Telephone	35 75	
New Books	1,105 59	
Magazines	252 85	
Newspapers	70 28	
Binding and repairing books	461 74	
Stationery	31 68	
Booklists, labels, cards and slips	193 05	
Cleaning books	47.65	
Catalogue case	125 00	
Baler	51 50	
Lavatory	72 03	
Hardware	29 07	
Painting	130 00	
Repairing windows	25 35	
Incidentals	177 39	
		$6,583 84

Weeks Funds Account (Eleven Months)

Expended through trustees of the Weeks Funds:		
Practical and scientific books	$335 59	
Juvenile books (children's room)	130 12	
Total expenditure		$465 71

[See report of Trustees of Weeks Funds.]

Fine Account.

Fines (main library)	$152 02	
" (children's room)	27 89	
Sale of 4 Town histories	4 00	
		$183 91

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Amount paid town treasurer for fines, etc	$183 91

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. DUNCAN, *Secretary.*

Audited and found correct.

THOMAS W. KILCOYNE.
CHARLES C. KRAMER.
Auditors for 1914.

Clinton, Dec. 31, 1914.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Directors of the Bigelow Free Public Library :

GENTLEMEN:—The forty-first annual report of the librarian for the year (eleven months) ending December 31, 1914, is herewith presented:

ACCESSIONS.

Estimated number of volumes in the Library, Feb. 1, 1914.....		39,461
Increase by purchase (Town appropriation).....	696	
" " (Weeks funds).....	343	
" gift.....	86	
" bound periodicals.....	121	
" missing volumes restored since last report.....	1	
Net increase.....		1,247
		40,708
Withdrawn, as worn out.....	28	
" as missing, unaccounted for (at stocktaking)...	20	
Net decrease.....		48
Estimated number of volumes in Library, Jan. 1, 1915.....		40,660
Number of pamphlets given.....	249	
" maps bought.....	1	
" periodicals and newspapers subscribed for.....	106	
" " " " given.....	26	
Total number periodicals and newspapers.....		132

MAIN LIBRARY.

CLASSIFIED ACCESSIONS AND CIRCULATIONS. (ELEVEN MONTHS.)

	Purchase including Weeks Funds	Circulation	
	No. vols.	No. vols.	Per cent.
1. Fiction.....	333	42,138	87.4
2. Description and Travel.....	57	501	1.
3. History.....	96	834	1.8
4. Religion.....	22	231	.5
5. Useful and Industrial arts.....	99	1,033	2.1
6. Fine arts.....	36	546	1.1
7. Natural Science and Philosophy.....	69	842	1.8
8. Social and Political Science.....	81	634	1.3
9. Literature.....	39	241	.5
10. Miscellanies, (including Periodicals, Essays, etc.,.....	34	1,227	2.5
Total.....	866	48,227	100.0

MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS. (Eleven Months.)

Number of days library was open	278
Number of Sundays reading rooms were open (Feb.-Apr.) (Nov.-Dec.)	22
Average Sunday attendance	34

	Main Library	Children's Room	Totals
Largest daily circulation (Mar. 7) (Nov. 30)	431	181	
Smallest " " . (Sept. 16)(Sept. 16)	84	8	
Books lost or injured and replaced by readers	2	0	2
Books lost or injured and replaced by library	13	15	28
Books missing (unaccounted for at stock-taking)	8	12	20
Books repaired and rebound at bindery	626	639	1,265
Persons fined for injuring books	3	2	5
Overdue-book postals mailed	3,209	663	3,872
Reserve-book postals mailed	749	28	777
Names registered during the year	301	304	605
Decrease by transfers from children's room to main library			128
Total registration during the year			477

CHILDREN'S ROOM

ACCESSIONS AND CIRCULATION (UNCLASSIFIED.)

	Purchase including Weeks Funds. No. vols.	Circulation No. vols.
Juvenile books	173	20,872

MONTHLY CIRCULATION. (Eleven Months.)

	Main Library	Children's Room	Totals
February	4,584	2,450	7,034
March	5,123	2,535	7,658
April	4,413	1,899	6,312
May	3,769	1,571	5,340
June	3,906	1,551	5,457
July	4,207	1,422	5,629
August	4,370	1,542	5,912
September	4,163	1,276	5,439
October	4,518	1,912	6,430
November	4,520	2,500	7,020
December	4,654	2,214	6,868
Total	48,227	20,872	69,099

COMPARATIVE CIRCULATION FOR FIVE YEARS.

	Muin Library	Children's Room	Totals
1910-11	47,959	19,496	67,455
1911-12	52,258	19,671	71,929
1912-13	47,211	20,336	67,547
1913-14	49,354	22,773	72,127
1914 (Eleven months)	48,227	20,872	69,099

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY.

NAMES	Bound Vols.	Pamphlets	Separate Periodicals and Misc. Gifts
United States—Bureaus:			
Census	15	22	
Education	2		
Commissions:			
Interstate Commerce	2	2	
Departments:			
Agriculture	1	14	
Interior	.....	13	
Post Office	.....	1	
War	4	1	
Congress (Congressional Records) Courtesy of Hon C. D. Paige	.....	.....	220 nos.
Library of Congress	4	2	
Patent Office	1		
Patent Office (Official Gazette) Courtesy of Hon. C. D. Paige	.....	.....	52 nos.
Smithsonian Institution	5	28	
Massachusetts:			
Agricultural Experiment Station, Amherst	.....	11	
Bureau of Statistics	.....	7	
Chamber of Commerce	.....	1	
Civil Service Reform	.....	1	
Public Library Commission	.....	1	
Public Reservation, Trustees of	.....	1	
Secretary of State Office	26		
Societies and Organizations:			
American Association for International Conciliation	.....	3	
American Jewish Committee, New York City	.....	1	
American National Red Cross Society, Washington, D. C	.....	1	
American Unitarian Association, Boston, (Christian Register)	.....	.....	52 nos.
Ancient Order of Hibernians, (National Hibernian)	.....	.....	12 nos.
Association of Life Insurance Presidents, New York City	.....	6	

NAMES	Bound Vols.	Pamphlets	Separate Periodicals and Misc. Gifts
Societies and Organizations—Continued:			
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, D. C	3	2	
Carnegie Hero Fund Commission, Pittsburgh, Pa	.....	1	
Clinton Home for Aged People	.....	1	
Clinton W. C. T. U. (Union Signal) (Our Message) (Young Crusader)	.....	.....	63 nos.
Clinton Women's Club. (Federation Bulletin)	.....	.....	12 nos.
Commonwealth Club of California, San Francisco, Cal	.....	1	
Epworth League of Clinton M. E. Society (Epworth Herald)	.....	.....	30 nos.
First Baptist Church. (Watchman)	.....	.....	52 nos.
First Evangelical Church. (Congregationlist)	.....	.....	52 nos.
Germanistic Society of America, New York City	.....	1	
Home and School League, New York City	.....	1	
Indian Rights Association, Philadelphia, Pa	.....	4	
Lake Mohonk, N. Y., Arbitration Conference	.....	1	
Massachusetts Audubon Society, Boston	.....	1	
Massachusetts Library Art Club	.....	1	
Massachusetts Society for Sex Education, Boston	.....	1	
Massachusetts Total Abstinence Society. (Temperance Cause)	.....	.....	12 nos.
Methodist Episcopal Society. (Zion's Herald)	.....	.....	52 nos.
National Child Labor Committee, New York City	.....	1	
National Education Association. Ann Arbor, Mich	.....	2	
New York Orthopaedic Hospital, New York City	.....	1	
St. John's Temperance Society (C. T. A. U. Advocate)	.....	.....	9 nos.
Woman's Auxiliary, Church of the Good Shepherd. (Churchman)	.....	.....	52 nos.
Worcester Equal Franchise Club. (Woman's Journal)	.....	.....	21 nos.
World Peace Foundation Seciety, Boston	.....	15	
Young People's Society of the United Presbyterian Church. (United Presbyterian)	.....	.....	52 nos.
Educational Institutions:			
Commission of Extension Courses, Boston	.....	1	
Harvard University, Cambridge	1	1	
Massachusetts Agricultural College, Amherst	.....	3	
Massachusetts Institue of Technology. Boston	.....	1	
Massachusetts Nautical Training School, Boston	.....	2	
Massachusetts State Normal School, Fitchburg	.....	1	
Massachusetts State Normal School, Worcester	.....	1	
Perkins Institution for the Blind, Boston	.....	1	
Radcliffe College, Cambridge	1		

NAMES	Bound Vols.	Pamphlets	Separate Periodicals and Misc. Gifts
Educational Institutions—Continued:			
Royal Colonial Institute, London, Eng	.....	1	
Textile School, New Bedford	.....	1	
University of Vermont, Burlington, Vt	.....	1	
University of Washington, Seattle, Washington	.....	1	
Worcester Academy, Worcester	.....	2	
Worcester Art Museum School, Worcester	.....	7	
Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester	.....	1	
Libraries—Reports and Bulletins:			
Arlington (Robbins)	.....	1	
Baltimore, Md. (Enoch Pratt)	.....	1	
Boston. (State)	.....	1	
Cambridge	.....	1	
Chelsea. (Fitz)	.....	1	
Concord	.....	1	
Erie, Pa	.....	1	
Fitchburg	.....	2	
Gardner. (Levi Heywood Memorial)	.....	1	
Grand Rapids, Mich	.....	1	
Groton	.....	1	
Hudson	.....	1	
Lancaster	.....	1	
Leominster	.....	1	
Lexington, Ky	.....	1	
Littleton. (Reuben Hoar)	.....	1	
Louisville, Ky	.....	3	
Lynn	.....	1	
Malden	.....	1	
Manchester, N. H	.....	1	
Natick. (Morse Institute)	.....	1	
New Bedford	.....	1	
Newton	.....	1	
Oxford	.....	1	
Patterson, N. J	.....	1	
Providence, R. I	.....	1	
St. Louis, Mo. (Mercantile)	.....	1	
Salem	.....	1	
Taunton	.....	1	
Wakefield. (Beebe)	.....	1	
Westborough	.....	1	
Weston	.....	1	
Worcester	.....	7	
Worcester County. (Law)	.....	1	
Towns, Individuals and Firms:			
Adams, C. F	.....	1	
Alexander, S. H., Wellesley	2	5	
American Telephone and Telegraph Co	.....	1	
Associated Press, New York City	.....	2	
Babcock & Wilcox Co., New York City	1		
Bibliotheca Sacra Co., Oberlin, Ohio	.....	1	
Boston Insurance Co., Boston	.....	1	

NAMES	Bound Vols.	Pamphlets	Separate Periodicals and Misc. Gifts
Towns, Individuals and Firms—Continued:			
Brown, R. G., Minneapolis, Minn	.....	1	
Brown & Guesmer, Minneapolis, Minn	.....	3	
Clinton, Town of	4		
Coulter, C. C. (Clinton Courant, 2 copies of unbound numbers, 1914) (Clinton Daily Item, unbound numbers, 1914)			
Desmond Fitzgerald Inc., New York City	.....	1	
Directors of Deutsch Bank, Boston	.....	1	
Doubleday, Page and Company, New York City	1	1	
Field, Mrs. H. M. (Christian Science Monitor)	.....	.....	For year.
Firth, F. J., Philadelphia, Pa	1		
Fitchburg, City of	1		
Fitzgerald, Rev. E. J. (America)	.....	.....	52 nos.
(Sacred Heart Review)	.....	.....	52 nos.
Kelly, E	1		
Kennecutt, L. N., Worcester	2		
Knight, L. L., Atlanta, Ga	1		
McCumber, Hon. P. J., Wahpeton, N. D	.....	1	
McMillan Company, New York City	.....	1	
Martin, H. D., Putnam, Conn	.....	1	
Metropolitan Life Insurance Company	1		
Morgenstein, J., Cincinnati, Ohio	.....	1	
Murphy, Rev. E. J. (Extension)	.....	.....	4 nos.
N. Y. N. H. & Hartford R. R. Co	.....	1	
New York Stock Exchange, New York City	.....	1	
Schofield, H., Trudeau, N. Y	.....	1	
Speed, Rev. H. C. (Missions)	.....	.....	12 nos.
State Life Insurance Co., South Carolina	.....	1	
Submarine Signal Company, Boston	.....	1	
Testimony Publishing Company, Chicago, Ill.	.....	1	
Thompson, S., Chicago, Ill	1		
United Shoe Machinery Co., Boston	.....	1	
Untemyer, S., New York City	.....	2	
Walsh, Hon. D. I	1		
Weeks Bequest	3		
World's Panama-Pacific Exposition, 1915	1		
	86	249	

PERIODICALS AND NEWSPAPERS.

MAIN LIBRARY.

Monthlies

A. L. A. Book List.
American Magazine.
American Review of Reviews.
Atlantic Monthly.
Bookman.
Book Review Digest.
Brickbuilder.
*Catholic World.
Century.
Contemporary Review.
Cosmopolitan Magazine.
Country Life in America.
Craftsman.
Cumulative Book Index.
Current Opinion.
Delineator.
Engineering Magazine.
Everybody's Magazine.
*Extension.
Factory.
*Facts About Sugar.
*Filipino People.
Forum.
Good Government.
Good Housekeeping.
Harper's Bazar.
Harper's Magazine.
Harvard Theological Review.
International Studio.
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Mind and Body.
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Monthly Evening Sky Map.
Munsey's Magazine.
Musician.
National Geographic Magazine.
Nineteenth Century.
North American Review.
*Our Message.
Outdoor Life, Journal of.
Outing Magazine.
*Patriot.
Popular Electricity.
Popular Mechanics.
Popular Science Monthly.
Profitable Poultry.
Public Libraries.
Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature.
Recreation.
St. Nicholas.
School Arts Magazine.
Scribner's Magazine.
*Temperance Cause.
Textile World Record.
Women's Clubs Magazine.
World's Work.

Weeklies.

*America.
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Army and Navy Journal.
Automobile Magazine.
Banker and Tradesman.
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Christian Work
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London News.
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Outlook.
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Our Dumb Animals.
St. Nicholas.
Something To Do.
*Young Crusader.
Youth's Companion.

NEWSPAPER ROOM.

Boston Daily Advertiser.
Boston Daily Globe.
Boston Evening Record.
Boston Evening Transcript.
Boston Herald.
Boston Journal.
Boston Post.
*C. T. A. U. Advocate.
*Clinton Daily Item.
Collier's Weekly.
Evening Post.
Fibre and Fabric.
*National Hibernian.
Saturday Evening Post.
Springfield Republican.
Sun.
Worcester Telegram. (2 copies)

Sunday Newspapers—(Nov. to Apr).

Springfield Republican.
Sun.
Sunday Globe.
Sunday Herald.
Sunday Telegram.

* Gift.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLOTTE L. GREENE, *Librarian.*

CLINTON, MASS., Dec. 31, 1914.

During the past year nothing has interfered with the smooth running of the Library, and it is the belief of your Directors that the public is satisfied with the service rendered.

As will be seen by the above report of the Librarian, the circulation for the eleven months ending December 31, 1914, is 69,099, as against 72,127 for the preceding twelve months, or an average of more than 250 volumes per month larger for the year 1914 than for 1913.

It was found necessary within the year to provide a new card-catalogue case, and to have some painting done, both inside and outside the building. A baler to dispose of the waste paper has been purchased, an action in accord both with safety from fire, and economy.

The outbreak of the war in Europe has influenced your Directors to buy and have placed on the walls of the Library a map of the war zone, as well as many books dealing with the world war in which the general public is deeply interested.

Besides new shelves in the Children's Department, the only real need of the Library at present is the re-cataloguing of the Library according to the Dewey system; but that will involve considerable expense, and in view of the policy of the town to retrench expenditures, your Directors hesitate to advocate beginning the work of re-cataloguing this year. We believe that by eliminating any new undertaking for the present, and by exercising economy, that the Library can be conducted without detriment to the entertainment and information of the public, with an appropriation, including the dog tax, of sixty-five hundred dollars ($6,500); that is five hundred less than the appropriation for the year 1914.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER J. CANNON, *Chairman.*
JAMES C. DUNCAN, *Secretary.*
W. IRVING JENKINS.
WILLIAM F. McNAMARA.
HENRY O. RICHTER.
WILLIAM B. KENNEY.

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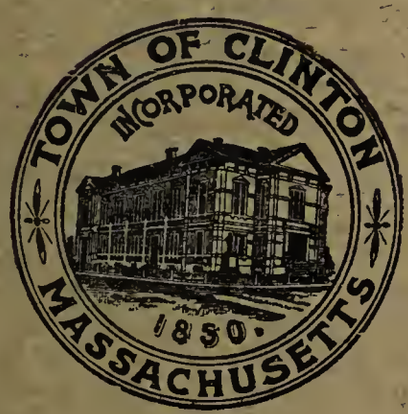

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LIBRARY—1915

DIRECTORS.

William B. Kenney, *Chairman*,	Term expires 1917
Michael J. Kittredge, *Secretary*,	" " 1918
Peter J. Cannon,	" " 1916
William F. McNamara,	" " 1916
Henry O. Richter,	" " 1917
Thomas Murphy,	" " 1918

BOOK COMMITTEE

Thomas Murphy William F. McNamara William B. Kenney

COMMITTEE ON BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Michael J. Kittredge Peter J. Cannon Henry O. Richter

LIBRARIAN

Helen A. Thissell

First Assistant
Mrs. Clara T. Attridge

Second Assistant
Lena G. Phelps

Third Assistant
Anna M. Kenney

Children's Librarian
May R. Leahy

Assistants

Delia M. Wellington Mabel E. Hager

Substitutes

Delia M. Wellington Helen L. Gibbs

Edward F. Riley, Janitor
Daniel F. McCauley, Assistant Janitor

Library hours

Circulating Department, Main library.....Week days, 9 a. m. to 9 p. m.

Children's Room..... { Monday-Friday, 1 to 6 p. m.
Saturday, 9 a. m. to 6 p. m.

Reading Rooms..... { Week days, 9 a. m. to 9 p. m.
Sundays, 2 to 5 p. m.
(November-April)

REPORT

The Directors of the Bigelow Free Public Library present to the Town the reports of the Secretary and Librarian as a part of the Forty-second Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1915.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the Directors of Bigelow Free Public Library of the Town of Clinton.

GENTLEMEN: The forty-second annual report of the secretary for the year ending December 31, 1915, is herewith presented:

ANNUAL APPROPRIATION

Cash, including dog tax		$6,116 57

SALARY ACCOUNT

C. L. Greene, Librarian (Jan.-Mar. 6)	$110 00	
H. A. Thissell, Librarian (Mar. 8-Dec.)	581 65	
Mrs. C. T. Attridge, 1st Assistant librarian	465 38	
L. G. Phelps, 2d " "	450 00	
A. M. Kenney, 3d " "	370 31	
M. R. Leahy, Children's librarian	415 43	
M. E. Hager, Assistant in children's room	94 63	
D. M. Wellington, Assistant and substitute	224 95	
H. L. Gibbs, Substitute	8 57	
Mrs. L. H. Goodale, Substitute	2 13	
E. F. Riley, Janitor	891 64	
Daniel F. McCauley, Assistant janitor	30 50	
		$3,645 19

BOOK AND PERIODICAL ACCOUNT.

F. W. Morrill, Magazines	$205 00	
C. E. Lauriat Co., Boston, New books	347 68	
Price & Lee Co., Directory	3 00	
J. H. Williams, San Francisco, Cal., New book	1 13	
L. L. Knight, Atlanta, Ga., New book	2 96	
Thos. Nelson & Sons, Encyclopedia renewal pages	10 00	
B. B. Johnson, Waltham, New book	1 00	
H. W. Wilson & Co., Minneapolis, Minn., Periodicals	25 00	
A. L. A. Pub. Co., Chicago, Ill., A. L. A. Book list	1 00	
R. I. Low, Malden, New book	50	
		$597 27

Miscellaneous Expenses, Etc.

C. L. Greene, Paid for express and postage	$ 2 55	
H. A. Thissell, Paid for express and postage	14 95	
E. F. Riley, paid for shoveling	13 25	
Clinton Gas Light Company, Electric lighting	228 16	
Clinton Water Department, Water	16 19	
New England Telephone Co., Telephone	39 00	
E. L. Johnson, Binding and repairing books	342 60	
Conrey Bros., Coal	149 96	
Philbin Bros., Coal	150 00	
O'Toole Bros., Air valves, pipe and work	16 30	
W. J. Coulter Press, Lists and readers	32 80	
Book Committee, Expenses and incidentals	4 00	
F. W. Morrill, Newspapers	70 13	
F. W. Morrill, Stationery	15 33	
Clinton Street Department, Assessment	11 64	
Star Laundry, Laundering towels	1 18	
Eureka Steam Laundry, Laundering towels	2 04	
P. J. Finnerty, Ink and paste	35	
Library Art Club, Pictures loaned	6 00	
John Hamilton, Carting ashes	6 50	
Wm. H. Benson, Slips, labels, postals, etc	109 65	
E. O. Pratt, Hardware	15 05	
Brockleman Bros., Soap, powder, etc	2 35	
Library Bureau, Catalogue cards and shelving for children's room	127 45	
E. W. Breed, care of bay trees	5 00	
Mrs. G. W. Herrick, cleaning books	18 00	
R. Maitland & Son, Receptacle and repair on pipe	4 98	
A. M. Eaton, Toilet paper	5 00	
Desautels Co., Cheese cloth	1 60	
J. E. O'Toole, Ink and paste	3 10	
Worcester Rubber Co., Rubber treads, etc	30 00	
J. F. Moran, Nowspapers	6 00	
Schwab Wood Co., Wood	5 50	
Edw. F. Hall, Shades, rubber tips and table	23 88	
Worcester Office Specialties de Luxe, Binder and ledger sheets	22 90	
Overseers of the Poor, Town of Clinton, Manure	15 00	
Scanlon Press, Gummed and printed labels	4 50	
Remington Typewriter Co., Boston, Typewriter	120 00	
Library Repair Committee, Incidentals	15 00	
G. F. Scott, Bazaar, Stationery	1 20	
		$1,659 09
Total expenditure from appropriation		$5,901 55
Unexpended balance		215 02
		$6,116,57

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

Salaries	$3,645 19	
Heating	305 46	
Lighting	228 16	
Telephone	39 00	
Binder and ledger sheets	22 90	
New Books	366 27	
Magazines	231 00	
Newspapers	76 13	
Water	16 19	
Binding and repairing books	342 60	
Stationery	19 98	
Street assessment	11 64	
Book list, labels, cards and slips	114 15	
Cleaning books	18 00	
Hardware	15 05	
Plumbing	21 28	
Typewriter	120 00	
Shelving for children's room and cards	127 45	
Rubber matting	30 00	
Lists and readers	32 80	
Table, rubber tips, and shades	23 88	
Incidentals	94 42	
		$5,901 55

Weeks Funds Account

Expended through trustees of the Weeks Funds:		
Practical and scientific books	$523 15	
Juvenile books (children's room)	73 79	
Total expenditure		$596 94

[See report of Trustees of Weeks Funds.]

Fine Account.

Fines (main library)	$163 63	
" (children's room)	27 45	
Sale of 3 Town histories	3 00	
Sale of old papers	10 05	
		$204 13

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Amount paid town treasurer for fines, etc	$204 13

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL J. KITTREDGE, *Secretary*

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

To the Directors of the Bigelow Free Public Library :

GENTLEMEN:—The forty-second annual report of the librarian for the year ending December 31, 1915, is herewith presented:

ACCESSIONS

Estimated number of volumes in the Library, Jan. 1, 1915		40,660
Increase by purchase (Town appropriation)	268	
" " (Weeks funds)	290	
" gift	91	
" bound periodicals	112	
Net increase		761
		41,421
Withdrawn, as worn out	27	
" as missing, unaccounted for (at stocktaking)	67	
Net decrease		94
Estimated number of volumes in Library, Jan. 1, 1916		41,327
Number of pamphlets given	343	
" periodicals and newspapers subscribed for	108	
" " " " given	28	
Total number periodicals and newspapers		136

MAIN LIBRARY

CLASSIFIED ACCESSIONS AND CIRCULATIONS

	Purchase including Weeks Funds	Circulation	
	No. vols.	No. vols.	Per cent.
1. Fiction	230	43,300	87.
2. Description and Travel	7	447	.9
3. History	69	810	1.6
4. Religion	8	275	.5
5. Useful and Industrial arts	43	1,383	2.7
6. Fine arts	15	621	1.2
7. Natural Science and Philosophy	30	779	1.5
8. Social and Political Science	41	739	1.5
9. Literature	6	135	.3
10. Miscellanies, (including Periodicals, Essays, etc.,)	8	1,389	2.8
Total	457	49,878	100.0

MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS

Number of days library was open	305
Number of Sundays reading rooms were open (.Jan-Apr.) (Nov.-Dec.)	25
Average Sunday attendance	30

	Main Library	Children's Room	Totals
Largest daily circulation (Feb. 20) (Nov. 29)	402	162	
Smallest " " (Aug. 4) (Sept. 15)	67	6	
Books lost or injured and replaced by readers	7	0	7
Books lost or injured and replaced by library	1	30	31
Books missing (unaccounted for at stock-taking)	28	39	67
Books repaired and rebound at bindery	392	415	807
Persons fined for injuring books	11	1	12
Overdue-book postals mailed	3,403	731	4,134
Reserve-book postals mailed	747	32	779
Names registered during the year	256	242	498
Decrease by transfers from children's room to main library			116
Total registration during the year			382

CHILDREN'S ROOM

ACCESSIONS AND CIRCULATION (UNCLASSIFIED)

	Purchase including Weeks Funds. No. vols.	Circulation No. vols.
Juvenile books	101	22,427

MONTHLY CIRCULATION

	Main Library	Children's Room	Totals
January	5,604	2,477	8,081
February	4,851	2,298	7,149
March	4,922	2,177	7,099
April	4,083	1,936	6,019
May	3,953	1,723	5,676
June	3,667	1,683	5,350
July	3,969	1,592	5,561
August	3,747	1,523	5,270
September	3,447	1,088	4,535
October	3,978	1,706	5,684
November	3,909	2,452	6,361
December	3,748	1,772	5,520
Total	49,878	22,427	72,305

COMPARATIVE CIRCULATION FOR FIVE YEARS

	Main Library	Children's Room	Totals
1911-12	52,258	19,671	71,929
1912-13	47,211	20,336	67,547
1913-14	49,354	22,773	72,127
1914 (Eleven months)	48,227	20,872	69,099
1915	49,878	22,427	72,305

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY

NAMES	Bound Vols.	Pamphlets	Separate Periodicals and Misc. Gifts
United States—Bureaus:			
Census	10	14	
Education	2		
Commissions:			
Interstate Commerce	2	2	
Departments:			
Agriculture	.....	12	
Commerce	1		
House of Representatives	.....	1	
Interior	.....	8	
Labor	.....	2	
War	3		
Congress (Congressional Records) Courtesy of Hon C. D. Paige	.....	.....	73 nos.
Library of Congress	10	4	
Patent Office	1		
Patent Office (Official Gazette) Courtesy of Hon. C. D. Paige	.....	.....	52 nos.
Smithsonian Institution	11	19	
Massachusetts:			
Agricultural Experiment Station, Amherst	.....	8	
Bureau of Department Reports	.....	1	
Bureau of Statistics	.....	13	
Public Library Commission	.....	1	
Public Reservation, Trustees of	...	1	
Secretary of State Office	14		
State Board of Agriculture	.....	1	
State Board of Health	.....	3	
Societies and Organizations:			
American Electric Railway Association, New York City	.....	1	
American National Red Cross Society, Washington, D. C	.....	3	
American Social Hygiene Association, New York City	.....	3	
American Unitarian Association, Boston, (Christian Register)	.....	.....	52 nos.

NAMES	Bound Vols.	Pamphlets	Separate Periodicals and Misc. Gifts
Societies and Organizations—Continued:			
Ancient Order of Hibernians, (National Hibernian)	.....	.....	12 nos.
Association of Life Insurance Presidents, New York City	.....	5	
Bay Path Institute, Springfield	1	1	
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, D. C	1	21	
Carnegie Hero Fund Commission, Pittsburgh, Pa	.....	1	
Clinton Home for Aged People	.....	1	
Clinton W. C. T. U. (Union Signal) (Our Message) (Young Crusader)	.....	.....	63 nos.
Clinton Women's Club. (Women's Clubs Magazine)	.....	.....	12 nos.
Department of the Interior, Ottawa, Canada	.....	2	
Epworth League of Clinton M. E. Society (Epworth Herald)	.....	.....	52 nos.
Fatherland Corporation, Inc., New York City	.....	5	
First Baptist Church. (Watchman)	.....	.....	52 nos.
First Evangelical Church. (Congregationlist)	.....	.....	52 nos.
Hispanic Society of America, New York City	2		
Indian Rights Association, Philadelphia, Pa	.....	2	
Japan Society, New York City	.....	3	
Lake Mohonk, N. Y., Arbitration Conference	.....	2	
Massachusetts Anti-Tuberculosis League, Boston	.....	1	
Massachusetts Library Art Club	.....	2	
Massachusetts Peace Society, Boston	.....	5	
Massachusetts Total Abstinence Society. (Temperance Cause)	.....	.....	12 nos.
Massachusetts Woman Suffrage Association	1		
Methodist Episcopal Society, (Zion's Herald)	.....	.....	52 nos.
National Child Labor Committee, New York City	.....	4	
National Fire Protection Association, Boston	.....	2	
National Home Rule Association, Cincinnati, Ohio	.....	1	
National Information Bureau, Cincinnati, Ohio	.....	1	
National Short Ballot Organization, New York City	.....	1	
New England Society, New York City	.....	1	
Paris Chamber of Commerce, Paris, France	.....	29	
Soldiers' Home, Trustees of, Chelsea, Mass	.....	1	
St. John's Temperance Society (C. T. A. U. Advocate)	.....	.....	11 nos.
White Pine Bureau, St. Paul, Minn	.....	2	
Woman's Auxiliary, Church of the Good Shepherd. (Churchman)	.....	.....	52 nos.
Woman's Education Association, Boston	1		
Worcester Equal Franchise Club. (Woman's Journal)	.....	.....	52 nos.

NAMES	Bound Vols.	Pamphlets	Separate Periodicals and Misc. Gifts
Societies and Organizations—Continued:			
World Peace Foundation, Boston	.....	14	
Young People's Society of the United Presbyterian Church. (United Presbyterian)	.....	.....	52 nos.
Educational Institutions:			
Boston University, Boston	.....	2	
Brown University, Providence, R. I	.....	1	
Carnegie Institution, Washington, D. C	.....	1	
Columbia University, New York City	.....	1	
General Education Board, New York City	1		
Harvard University, Cambridge	2	2	
Holy Cross College, Worcester	.....	3	
Massachusetts Agricultural College, Amherst	.....	6	
Massachusetts Agricultural College Extension Service	.....	1	
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston	.....	3	
Massachusetts Nautical Training School, Boston	.....	2	
Massachusetts State Normal School, Worcester	.....	2	
Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill	.....	1	
Perkins Institution for the Blind, Watertown	.....	1	
Textile School (Bradford Durfee), Fall River	.....	1	
Textile School, New Bedford	.....	1	
University of Washington, Seattle, Washington	.....	1	
Western Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill.	1		
Worcester Academy, Worcester	.....	3	
Worcester Art Museum School, Worcester	.....	7	
Libraries—Reports and Bulletins:			
Arlington (Robbins)	.....	1	
Baltimore, Md. (Enoch Pratt)	.....	1	
Boston. (State)	.....	1	
Concord	.....	1	
Everett (Shute Memorial)	.....	2	
Fitchburg	.....	3	
Gardner. (Levi Heywood Memorial)	.....	1	
Grand Rapids, Mich	.....	2	
Groton	.....	1	
Hartford, Conn. (State)	.....	2	
Hudson	.....	1	
Lancaster	.....	1	
Leicester	.....	1	
Leominster	.....	3	
Lexington, Ky	.....	1	
Littleton. (Reuben Hoar)	.....	1	
Louisville, Ky	.....	2	
Malden	.....	1	
Manchester, N. H	.....	1	
Melrose	.....	1	
Natick. (Morse Institute)	.....	1	
New Bedford	.....	1	
Newton	.....	1	
North Adams	.....	1	

NAMES	Bound Vols.	Pamphlets	Separate Periodicals and Misc. Gifts
Libraries—Reports and Bulletins—Continued:			
Northampton. (Forbes)	.....	1	
Oxford	.....	1	
Paterson, N. J	.....	1	
Providence, R. I	.....	1	
Riverside, Cal	.....	1	
St. Louis, Mo. (Mercantile)	.....	1	
Salem	.....	1	
Scranton, Pa	.....	1	
Somerville	.....	1	
Wakefield. (Beebe)	.....	1	
Westborough	.....	1	
Weston	.....	1	
Worcester	.....	1	
Worcester County. (Law)	.....	1	
Towns, Individuals and Firms:			
Alexander, S. H., Wellesley	.....	1	
American Telephone and Telegraph Co	.....	1	
Anonymous, Boston	.....	12	
Austro-Hungarian Consulate-General, New York City	.....	2	
Belgian Legation, Washington, D. C	.....	2	
Carnegie, Andrew, New York City	.....	1	
Columbia University Press, New York City	.....	1	
Coulter, C. C. (Clinton Courant, 2 copies of unbound numbers, 1915) (Clinton Daily Item, unbound numbers, 1915)			
Daughters of the Revolution, Clinton. (Patriot)	.....	.....	5 nos.
Depew, Chauncey M., New York City	.....	1	
Directors of Deutsche Bank, Boston	.....	1	
Domestic Sugar Producers. (Facts About Sugar)	.....	.....	11 nos.
Fatherland, The, New York City	.....	1	
Field, Mrs. H. M. (Christian Science Monitor)	.....	.....	For year.
Fisher, B. F., Canton, Ohio	1		
Fitzgerald, Rev. E. J. (America)	.....	.....	52 nos.
(Sacred Heart Review)	.....	.....	52 nos.
Forest Park, St. Louis, Mo	.....	1	
Haskins and Sells, New York City	.....	1	
Hobein, Rev. E. L	12		
Kittredge, Rev. M. J. (Catholic World)	.....	.....	12 nos.
Kleiser, Grenville, New York City	.....	1	
Lauriat, Charles, Company, Boston	.....	1	
Longmans, Green & Co., New York City	1		
Lynch, F. H., New York City	1		
McAdoo, Hon. W. G., Washington, D. C	.....	1	
McMillan Company, New York City	.....	2	
Maher, Dr. Stephen, New Haven, Conn	.....	3	
Murphy, Rev. E. J. (Extension)	.....	.....	6 nos.
N. Y. N. H. & Hartford R. R. Co., N. Y. City.	.....	4	
New York Stock Exchange, New York City	1		
North, R. H., Philadelphia, Pa	1		

Names	Bound Vols.	Pamphlets	Separate Periodicals and Misc. Gifts
Towns, Individuals and Firms—Continued:			
Northern Pacific Railway, San Francisco, Cal.	.....	1	
Norton, O. W., Chicago, Ill	1	1	
Oregon State Immigration Office, Portland, Ore	.....	1	
Oxford University Press, New York City	.....	1	
Panama Pacific Managers for Massachusetts	.....	3	
Peirce, S. & Co., Boston	1		
Putnam's, G. P. Sons, New York City	2		
Quezon, Hon. Manuel L., Washington, D. C.	.....	1	
Rankin, J. C., New York City	.....	1	
Rogers & Manson Company, Boston	.....	1	
Rosenberger, J. L., Chicago, Ill	.....	1	
Sargent, P. E., Boston	1		
Shaw and Powell, Livingston, Mont	.....	1	
Speed, Rev. H. C. (Missions)	.....	.....	12 nos.
Survey, The, New York City	.....	1	
Testimony Publishing Company, Chicago, Ill.	.....	1	
Thompson, S., Chicago, Ill	1		
Thurston, L. A., Honolulu, T. H	.....	1	
Untermyer, S., New York City	.....	1	
Vocational Sales Company, Boston	.....	1	
Washburn and Crosby Company, Minneapolis, Minn	1		
White, C. S	1		
Whitney, G. A	1		
Whitridge, F. W., New York City	1		
Woman's Anti-Suffrage League. (Remonstrance	.....	.....	4 nos.
	91	343	

PERIODICALS AND NEWSPAPERS

MAIN LIBRARY

Monthlies

A. L. A. Book List
American Magazine
American Review of Reviews
Atlantic Monthly
Bookman
Book Review Digest
Brickbuilder
*Catholic World
Century
Contemporary Review
Cosmopolitan Magazine
Country Life in America
Craftsman
Cumulative Book Index
Current Opinion
Delineator
Engineering Magazine
Everybody's Magazine
*Extension
Factory
*Facts About Sugar
*Filipino People
Forest and Stream
Forum
Good Government
Good Housekeeping
Harper's Bazar
Harper's Magazine
Harvard Theological Review
International Studio
Ladies' Home Journal
Library Journal
McClure's Magazine
Manual Training Magazine
Mind and Body
*Missions
Monthly Evening Sky Map
Munsey's Magazine
Musician
National Geographic Magazine
Nineteenth Century
North American Review
*Our Message
Outdoor Life, Journal of
Outing Magazine
*Patriot
Popular Mechanics
Popular Science Monthly and World's Advance
Profitable Poultry
Public Libraries
Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature
Recreation
*Remonstrance
St. Nicholas
School Arts Magazine
Scientific Monthly
Scribner's Magazine
*Stenotypist
*Temperance Cause
Textile World Record
*Women's Clubs Magazine
World's Work

Weeklies

*America
American Machinist
Army and Navy Journal
Automobile Magazine
Banker and Tradesman
*Christian Register
*Christian Science Monitor (Daily)
Christian Work
*Churchman
*Clinton Courant
*Congregationalist
Education, Journal of
*Epworth Herald
Fibre and Fabric
Harper's Weekly
Independent
Leslie's Weekly
Life
Literary Digest
Living Age
London News
Nation
New York Times. (Book Review)
Outlook
*Patent Office Official Gazette
Public
Publishers' Weekly
*Sacred Heart Review
Science
Scientific American
Scientific American Supplement
Spectator (English)
Survey
Uber Land und Meer
*Union Signal
*United Presbyterian
*Watchman
*Woman's Journal
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Saturday Evening Post
Springfield Republican
Sun
Worcester Gazette (2 copies)
Worcester Telegram (2 copies)

Sunday Newspapers—(Nov. to Apr.)

Springfield Republican
Sun
Sunday Globe
Sunday Herald
Sunday Telegram

* Gift.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN A. THISSELL, *Librarian.*

CLINTON, MASS., Dec. 31, 1915.

The circulation of a library is the best measure of its usefulness to the public. Compared with last year's report, the figures of the year just closed show no decrease in circulation; the total for the year is 49,878 in the main library and 22,427 in the children's room. This year it is surely cause for congratulation that the library has been able to keep its circulation at so high a level, which compares very favorably per capita with other towns of our size, as will be seen by our report. Our appropriation has been decreased $1500 from last year by the finance committee and it has handicapped our department, but the directors have kept within the appropriation, as they promised the citizens and tax payers, by business like methods of carrying on the business of the town.

The directors have given much thought to the best interests of the library, and feel that a careful study of the foregoing will

show that it has been a successful year in its history, and they recognize the fact that this is largely due to the good work of our faithful librarian, Miss Helen A. Thissell, and her corps of assistants connected with our public library. A word of commendation should be added in recognition of the faithful services of our janitor, whose mechanical knowledge and ingenuity has saved the library much trouble and expense. The directors have purchased new book racks for the children's department so that an additional 2400 books can be kept with good advantage, and a larger circulation be given to the children's department.

Perhaps it will be well to say a word or two here concerning the method pursued as regards the purchasing of new books. First of all, it should be said that the directors are fully alive to the importance of the kind of literature that a public library should furnish. They realize that the library is one of the chief educational institutions of the town, and they do all they can to place in the hands of the citizens the best from the vast quantity of books put upon the market. Nor are the directors unmindful that the function of literature is not only to inform the mind and inspire the will, but also to gratify the legitimate desire for entertainment. All this means that the directors exercise great care in selecting books of a very varied nature, from the simple story to the solid philosophical treatise.

The library directors have been loaned a travelling library of Italian books for seven months this year, and they have been taken out in circulation very freely and read by the Italian people of Clinton.

The directors hope in this coming year, 1916, that they will be able to purchase more books than they have in the past year, on account of the increasing demands for books this year past, and unable to get them on account of our appropriation being so small compared with past years.

The directors, taking into consideration the anticipated prosperity for this coming year, with new additional mills and more people coming to town to be employed, feel that they are obliged to ask the citizens of Clinton for an appropriation of $6,500, including the dog tax.

We cannot give the public satisfaction if we do not have the appropriation that our predecessors have had in previous years, $1,500 more than this year's board. We do not feel that the public should be hampered by decreasing our appropriation; instead, our appropriation should be increased in view to bettering the moral aspects of the people at large.

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